

# Surgeons Elect Dr. C. L. Forney

Nationally Noted  
Eye Medic Honored

Dr. Claudius L. Forney, senior attending surgeon at Provident Hospital, has been notified by the American College of Surgeons that he has been elected to membership and that fellowship will be conferred upon him at the Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom, New York, Sept. 12. *Mon. 9-15-47*

The welcome to fellowship will be part of the concluding program of the four-day annual Clinical Congress of the ACS scheduled for Sept. 8 to 12.

Dr. Forney is the fourth and youngest Chicago Negro surgeon to be so honored since the college lifted its race barriers less than



DR. C. L. FORNEY

two years ago. Prior to that time the late Dr. Daniel Hale Williams of Chicago, and Dr. Louis T. Wright of New York were the only Negroes to be admitted to ACS. Last year, Dr. Carl G. Roberts, Dr. U. G. Daily and Dr. Roscoe G. Giles became members.

## American Board Diplomate

Dr. Forney is adjunct ophthalmologist at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary and recently resigned as chairman of both the departments of ophthalmology and otolaryngology at Provident. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Forney received his education, from elementary through medical school, in Columbus, Ohio, where

he was born. He interned at Provident and Cook County, beginning his specialization at the latter place when his interest in ophthalmology increased with news that his grandfather was losing his sight. After his internship was over he spent five years in the out-patient clinic of County Hospital under Dr. George Suker, head of the eye department.

## Passes National Exams

After 18 months at the University of Chicago and another 18 studying at Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, he was the first Negro to pass the examination of the National Board of Ophthalmology.

Later becoming senior surgeon at Provident and head of the eye department, he won national acclaim when he restored the sight of a man 103 who had been blind for 30 years. *Mon. 9-15-47*

By Albert Deutsch

# Racial Bars in American Medicine Hit Both Negro Doctor and Patient

I was pleased to note that several Negro doctors were among the group of specialists inducted into the American College of Surgeons Friday night. The ACS, until last year, had an unofficial color bar against admission of Negro surgeons, having made a token election of but one—Dr. Louis T. Wright, chief of Harlem Hospital's surgery department. The bar was broken last year, when a dozen qualified Negroes were finally admitted to fellowship following a wave of public protest against the exclusion policy.

Racial discrimination in medicine—practiced on an amazing scale—is doubly obnoxious to those who uphold American democracy. It is not only a denial of the fundamental right of equal opportunity; it is a direct danger to the health of millions. Dr. Paul B. Cornely of the Howard University Medical School has written a moving account of the tragic plight of the Negro in search of a medical career. No matter how brilliant he may be, he finds, to begin with, that the color bar is set up at most of the 77 accredited medical schools.

## Consigned to Few Medical Ghettos

He finds his choice virtually narrowed down to two all-Negro schools—Howard University and Meharry Medical School—the educational ghettos of American medicine, and to a sprinkling of "white" institutions which leave their doors cautiously ajar for the admission of one or two Negroes. At Howard this year, more than 1200 eager young Negroes, most of them World War II veterans, applied for admission; only 70 could be



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taken. The ratio of applications to admissions was about the same at Meharry. *Mon. 9-15-47*

(The 14,000,000 Negroes in the U. S. A. represent one-tenth of the total population. But of the 176,000 registered physicians, only 4000—less than 3 per cent—are Negroes.)

If the young Negro student manages to get a medical education, he is faced with many additional racial barriers. If he lives south of the Mason-Dixon line (where 9,000,000 Negroes dwell), he is barred from the county medical society and hence from the American Medical Assn. Efforts to get the AMA to permit Negro victims of medical discrimination to apply for direct membership, as is allowed by the American Nurses Association, have failed thus far.

North or South, if the young Negro doctor wants to go into a medical specialty, he can obtain a needed hospital residence in only a dozen of the nearly 900 approved hospitals.

## Racial Bar in Organized Medicine Penalizes the Negro Doctor

Lack of membership in "organized medicine" hits the Negro doctor in many ways; he is deprived of the educational, financial and professional opportunities restricted to society members.

When the young Negro becomes a full-fledged practicing physician, he comes up against one of the most serious color bars in medicine—exclusion from the medical staffs of hospitals. Dr. W. Montague Cobb of Howard has presented the shameful figures on this and other deprivations in his scholarly pamphlet, *Medical Care and the Plight of the Negro*, published by the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 W. 40th St., N. Y. C. (10 cents). Dr. Cobb writes:

"Hospital needs of the Negro are acute both for the patient and the physician. Lack of hospital

facilities has been the greatest material handicap to receipt of adequate medical care by the patient, and postgraduate training by the doctor. Segregation operates to exclude the patient and to relegate him to inferior accommodations and treatment. It deprives the Negro physician of his patient upon entering a white-controlled hospital and the clinical experience which staff appointment would afford."

The Commission on Hospital Care, in its recently published report on Hospital Care in the United States (Commonwealth Fund, New York, \$4.50), takes cognizance of the evils of racial discrimination in medicine and forthrightly recommends that: *Mon. 9-15-47*

"Qualified Negro physicians should be admitted to membership on the medical staffs of hospitals on the same basis as are other physicians."

A group of Harlem physicians who have for years chafed against the color bars that exclude them from most hospitals in New York City, have taken matters in their own hands and organized a hospital of their own where they can treat their patients on a continuous basis. (See Myril Axelrod's article on Page 13.) It is a pity that such a step should be necessary in this self-styled democratic city; but awaiting the realization of full medical democracy, one must reluctantly support this effort at self-help.

## THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

For the first time in the history of the 32-year-old American College of Surgeons, ten Negroes have been admitted to membership. This ushers in a new era of liberalism in American medicine. The ten Negroes admitted to membership have met all the rigid tests for eligibility and are among the best practitioners in the land. *Mon. 9-15-47*

It is inspiring, to say the least, to see another fortress of segregation collapse under the assault of broad minds who realize that science transcends race, creed and nationality.

For many years, white medical societies did not even bother to inquire into the qualifications of Negro physicians. Thus, these men who in some instances had taught their white brothers in medical schools, were rejected merely on account of their racial identity. It is about time this practice was discontinued. We congratulate the new members of the organization and we salute the American College of Surgeons for inaugurating a new era of enlightened policy. *Mon. 9-15-47*





AT CLIMAX OF TRIBUTE DINNER for Edward J. Kelly (center), the Rev. J. C. Austin, pastor, Pilgrim Baptist church, presents to the former Chicago Mayor first Abbott Memorial Award for his service in cause of interracial harmony during his 14-year administration as head of nation's second city. John H. Sengstacke (extreme right), editor and publisher of Chicago Defender that sponsored the dinner, is nephew of late Robert S. Abbott, Defender founder, in whose memory award was established.



# Atlantan Wins Marian Anderson Award

MATTIWILDA DOBBS, who has distinguished herself in Atlanta's music circles with her exceptional voice, has received a distinct honor as well as embarking upon a very promising career in the musical world.

Mattiwilda, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Dobbs, placed second out of a field of three hundred young singers from various parts of the country, to win one of the Marian Anderson awards.

The auditions were held in Philadelphia at the Academy of Music. The awards, that were started in 1941 by the renowned singer with a fund of \$10,000, have been replaced each year in order that the original fund remain intact.

Mattiwilda, who is a 1946 graduate of Spelman College, competed with students as well as teachers of music, some of whom are preparing for concert tours. She chose for her audition numbers—Parce Parce Mio Dio and the Star Flower. She is now in New York City studying under the tutelage of Madame Leonard, well known vocal teacher. She is also studying Spanish at Columbia university.

Atlantans have heard Miss Dobbs on numerous occasions when she attended Spelman college where she was presented in recitals as well as being a leading soloist in the college glee club during her four years of study.

Her parents, the J. W. Dobbs, left on Friday for a month's visit in California. En route they will stop in New Orleans, La., and Dallas, Texas.

## Win Marian Anderson Annual Scholarship

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. — (NNPA)—Helen E. Colber, 23-year-old soprano, and Genevieve Warner, of New York, tied for first place in competition for the annual Marian Anderson Music Scholarship Award.

Because of the tie, duplicate awards of \$1,000 will be made, it was announced last Monday.

A graduate of Simon Gratz high, Miss Colber is a student at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, 218 S. 20th street.

She started her singing career in the choir of the Nazarene Baptist church, 3900 Germantown avenue, and was director of the junior choir there.

Miss Colber is scheduled to play the title role in Carmen in a Drama opera company production at the Academy of Music on November 3.

## TWO WIN AWARD

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**SECOND-PLACE WINNER**—Miss Doris Rowe (right), mezzo soprano of Detroit, Mich., won second place in the annual Marian Anderson Award auditions in Philadelphia recently. She is shown with Miss Naney Fishburn of Glenlock, N.J., a winner in the 1946 auditions.



# Former Wendell Phillips Student Is Hero Of Pearl Harbor Fire

By HUBERT H. WHITE

(Defender)

Hawaiian Correspondent)

PEARL HARBOR—Alonzo DeMello Stinson, who says he lived at 435 East 40th st., and attended Wendell Phillips has become some-

safety. "I was then relieved of duty and Stinson went back to the hose, although I knew he was in a very bad condition because of the fumes and smoke."

Alonzo Stinson says his favorite at Phillips was Abram Newman. "Mrs. Maudell Bousfield was the best principal we ever had."

"I used to box at the Savoy and Harold Dade, former world's bantamweight champion was a pal of mine. I was a merchant marine and have traveled around the world—China, Japan, England, France and to Italy." He is presently driving for the Naval Supply Center, Kohala Island, near Honolulu.



ALONZO DeM. STINSON

thing of a hero at the Naval Shipyard here. Certainly he is a hero in the eyes of Cpl. John R. Sewell, white marine of Company B at the Main Gate of the entrance to this great base.

The fire destroyed the K docks near Building 475. Damage was estimated at \$165,000. Oil seepage under the docks caused the fire to spread and every available piece of equipment and able bodied man were pressed into service.

Many sailors were taken from the scene by ambulance after being overcome by fumes.

Cpl. Sewell's account of the heroic act is as follows: "I had been fighting the fire for an hour, when suddenly I found that more hose was being fed to me without warning. The pressure of the water in the hose carried me practically overboard. I did not dare turn the hose loose because I realized the injury it would cause fellow workers. My body was now half over the spring piece, in one second, I realized that I would be in the flaming shark infested waters; it was then that Stinson grabbed me and pulled me back to

HE SAVED A LIFE—Ronald Finnie, 11-year-old St. Louis boy, who rescued a 13-year-old white girl from drowning recently, smiles as he receives a \$25 government bond, an autographed baseball and tickets to a baseball game as a reward for his heroism. Making the presentation is Anthony R. Jasper, claim manager for a life insurance company. Looking on is Fr. John H. Smith, pastor of Visitation Parish, where the ceremony was held.—Acme photo. Sat. 9-6-47



## PRIEST SAVES WOMAN FROM SMOKE IN FIRE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 29 (UP)—A Catholic priest, 41 years old, today carried a tiny, 108-year-old Negro woman to safety through blinding clouds of smoke which billowed into her home from a burning warehouse next door.

The Rev. Robert A. Willett, city Fire Department chaplain who is known to parishioners of St. John's Church as "Father Bob," had

rushed from his church to the scene of a fire which eventually destroyed the Struck Construction Company warehouse.

He was told no one was in the burning building. As he started to leave through an alley by the burning, two-story frame building, he heard a woman's screams.

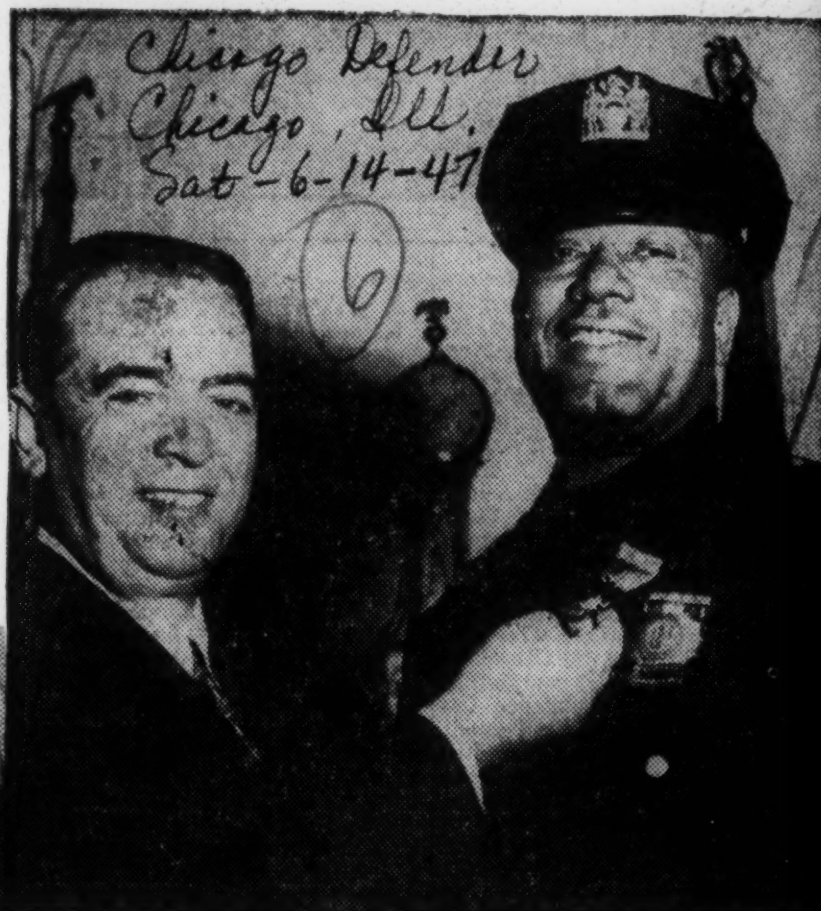
The priest said he found a doorway and broke it open into the smoke-filled room. Blinded by the smoke, he followed the woman's screams until he found her.

"She was standing still, but collapsed in my arms the minute I

touched her," he said. "I didn't know who it was. I groped my way outside, and stumbled about half a block down the street with her. Someone took her out of my arms."

The priest, who said he was "more than blinded" by the smoke, discovered then he had carried Mrs. Ada Lewis to safety.

Mrs. Lewis was taken to the home of a neighbor, dazed by the smoke, but uninjured. She said that she would be 109 years old next March.



HONORED FOR BRAVERY—Detective George E. Booker of the New York Police Department beams with pride after Mayor William O'Dwyer pinned the department's combat cross on his chest in ceremonies at city hall Tuesday. Detective Booker was the only Negro to be honored among 31 members of New York's finest who performed extraordinary deeds of bravery at imminent personal risk during the year 1946. On April 24 Booker encountered a suspect who immediately fired point-blank at him. He returned the gunman's fire, wounding him, and took him to headquarters after disarming him—Photo by Chick Solomon.





*Afro-American Baltimore, Md.*

**YOUNG HERO**—Ronald Finnie, 11, of St. Louis, who rescued a 13-year-old white girl from drowning, receives a \$25 Government bond, an autographed baseball and tickets to a baseball game from Anthony R. Jasper, claim manager for a life insurance company. *Sat. 9-6-47*



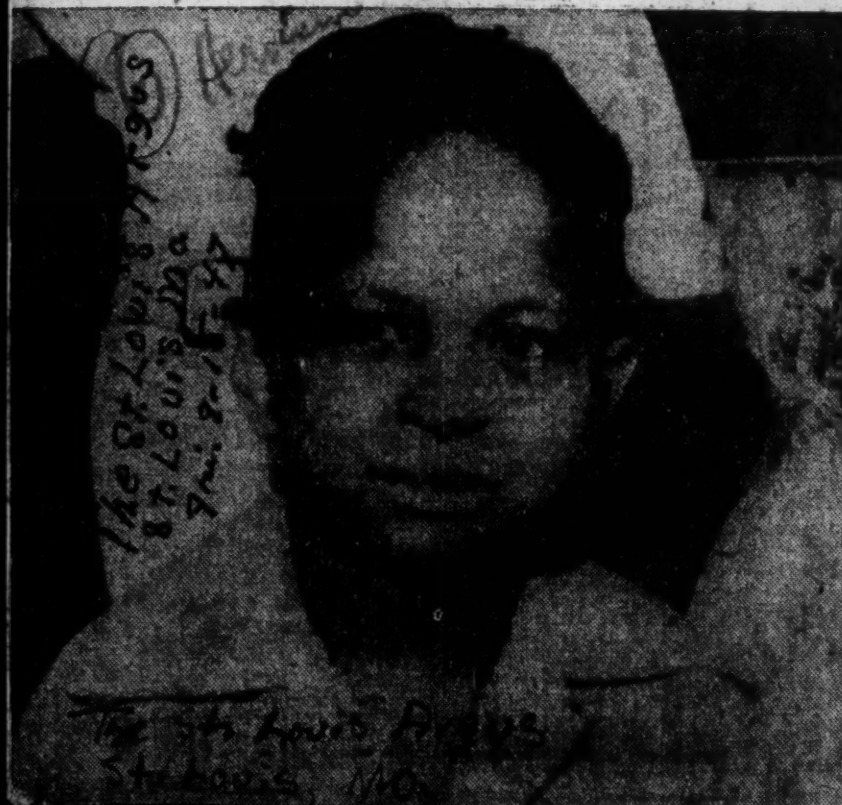
## RECEIVES BOY SCOUT GOLD HONOR MEDAL



Dr. George J. Fisher, National Scout Commissioner, congratulating First Class Scout William Jackson Jr., recipient of the award.

The New York Times

## Pine St. Y. Boy, Eleven Saves Girl Twelve From Drowning In Meramec



## Bravery

Two grateful parents revealed how an 11-year-old Pine Street boy saved the life of their 12-year-old daughter last Monday in the Meramec river near the Y. Camp River Cliff at Bourbon, Mo. The young hero is Ronald "Butch" Finnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo V. Finnie, Sr., of 4478 Cook avenue. The girl he rescued is Amye Lou Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander, white resident of Bourbon.

When an Argus reporter interviewed the young hero at his home, he was astonished by the size of the youngster, who stands only 3 feet, 6 inches high and weighs but 65 pounds. But when he inquired if the girl was not much larger than him and how he managed to get her ashore, he replied, "I just took her by the arm and swam to the bank with her."

The girl became exhausted while swimming toward a raft and sank in twelve feet of water. Her father tried vainly to save her, but Ronald, who was swimming nearby, rushed to the rescue and towed her out.

Ronald has been a Y camper since he was six years old and learned to swim expertly for his age under the instruction of Jodie Bailey, camp physical director and Vashon High School basketball coach. He is a student at Simmons School and has two other brothers. His father is a letter carrier at the Progress Station.

## Good Deeds Necessary For Racial Goodwill

WITH the frequency of human contacts involving different races, nationalities and creeds, we desire to point out the utmost importance of every effort to improve race relations and friendly intercourse between various groups in our own country and the peoples of the world. Extension of the gospel of goodwill and the good-neighbor policy must be continued through good deeds in the interest of peace and security among all races and groups. Both white and colored citizens in recent months have displayed the highest type of humanitarianism under disastrous circumstances. We think such acts of heroism performed without regard to race or color should be publicized. Such deeds of human kindness outweigh by far any theories that we might propagate in the interest of better race relations. Good deeds are much more convincing and in-

fluent than good thoughts. We must have more of them along interracial lines. 8/19/47

In the category of the good deeds to which we wish to call the attention of our readers is the magnificent performance of the 22-year-old porter who, without thought of his own safety, did voluntary rescue work after the crash of the United Airlines plane at LaGuardia Field in May. The hero, identified in a broadcast as H. HOWARD, rushed to the burning plane and rescued three women passengers.

Within ten days after this heroic act to rescue white people a 17-year-old white boy, CHICK SHAHEEN, lost his life in an effort to save from drowning his colored companion, THOMAS UP-CHURCH, of the same age. The two boys were fishing in Carolina Pines Lake, near Raleigh, N. C., when their boat filled with water and sank.

Another act of heroism which merits attention was the rescue of five white people from their burning home in Charleston, S. C., in June by RUFUS GRANT. This neighbor went into the house through a window and in ten minutes he had carried Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS LEGGETTE and their three children to safety. He not only rescued the family but remained on the spot and cheerfully gave his assistance to the firemen who were summoned to extinguish the fire. Norfolk, Va.

In Clarktown, a Lynchburg, Va., suburban town, white and colored neighbors fought together last February in an effort to save the five-room home of a colored family. A movie actress, Miss SARAH WHITELY, volunteered her aid after an explosion recently in Los Angeles, Calif., in which colored people were the chief victims. She gave first-aid treatment to a colored woman whose throat was badly cut by pieces of broken glass.

We could go on with the recital of similar acts of heroism on the part of white and colored citizens in the interest of each other, but these references should suffice to illustrate what

## GI Averts Explosion

Covington, Pittsburg, Pa.; Fort Sill, Okla. The quick thinking of a member of the 969th Field Artillery Battalion, averted a situation that could have resulted in a serious explosion of ammunition, endangering the lives of his men, it was announced here.

Sgt. Ephrom Goodwin, Battery "A," was in charge of a convoy of ammunition trucks. While riding in the lead vehicle of the convoy, he observed smoke pouring from a loaded trailer. He halted the convoy, dispersed his vehicles and approaching the power-laden vehicle, uncoupled the truck from the trailer, and drove it out of danger.

He grasped an extinguisher and returned to the trailer, and after locating the base of the flame, put out the fire with an extinguisher and his gloved hands. 8-9-47

Sergeant Goodwin entered the service in 1943, and is a veteran of campaigns in Central and Northern Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge. He is the son of Ephrom Goodwin, 500 South Benson Street, Altus, Okla.

## Veteran Rewarded For Rescue Attempt

SMITHFIELD, Va.—James B. Chapman, Navy veteran of World War II, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chapman Sr., Smithfield, was awarded \$50 by the Mayor of Smithfield, and a substantial contribution of appreciation by the family of the late James MR. CHAPMAN Cox (white) whose life young Chapman made a heroic attempt to save. Norfolk, Va.

When the 1940 Pontiac in which Mr. Cox, retired banker, was riding, raced down Wharf Hill and plunged into the river at the foot of Main street, James Chapman quickly removed his shirt and shoes, dived in and swam out to the car, which remained afloat for only four minutes. The car went down while young Chapman was calling to the man, who sat up-right in the car, to open the door. 8-20-47

James Chapman is a 1947 graduate of the Isle of Wight County Training School. He resumed his studies there after more than two years overseas. He bears a leg wound which he sustained in the battle of Okinawa, and will enter college next week.





# Skipper Rescues Two White Crusoes Stranded On Island

By JAMES B. LAFOURCHE  
MIAMI— (ANP)— Rescued by the Negro skipper of the lumber-laden freighter Samana, two white Tampans, L. A. Kruzen and his son, William A., were landed safely in Fort Lauderdale last Tuesday, following a perilous sea adventure. The refugees had sent SOS calls to the coast guard and the navy, but were ignored because their plight was not considered "emergency."

The men, two of a party of four, had been stranded on an island 600 miles south of Miami last week when their plane ran out of gas in the Caribbean. They radioed the coast guard and the navy, but were informed that running out of gas did not constitute an "emergency."

As the men were beginning to despair, the hull of a vessel appeared on the horizon. It was the Samana and her Negro crew, tossing in the blue waters of the Caribbean sea with a cargo of lumber. Skipper Ferguson, licensed under British registry, spotted the marooned pair and ordered a life boat lowered to effect the rescue. Five able-bodied Nassauvian seamen then rowed to Swan island and took aboard the castaways.

Cried Williams: "This is a God-forsaken place. But for you captain, we should have perished."



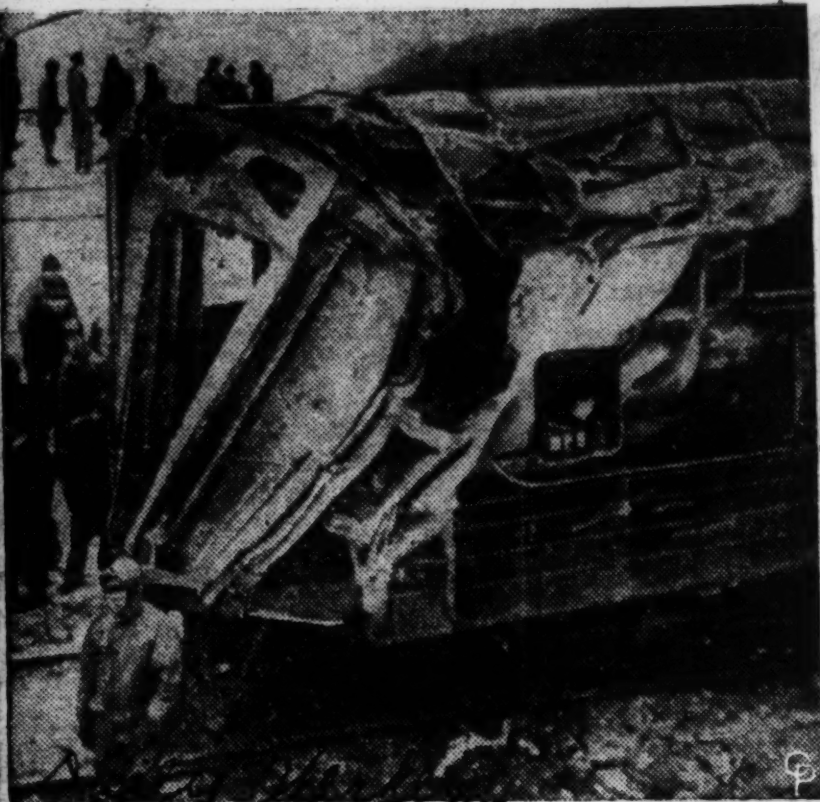
*Saily World*  
CONGRATULATED FOR PEACE  
—NEW YORK— Ableseaman Clyde Clegg, 121 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. one of the crew who launched lifeboat in tempestuous seas in North Atlantic on November 4th, when the thirty-one members of the three masted schooner "Maria Carlotta" of Lisbon were rescued. Clyde Clegg, of the U. S. Army Hospital Ship (Charles A. Stafford) is seen being congratulated by the Master of the "Maria

Carlotta" Antonio F. Matias on arrival at Staten Island, Nov. 9 — KEYSTONE PICTURES)



When the Portuguese "three-master," the schooner Maria Carlotta, ran into rough weather 640 miles southeast of Newfoundland last Tuesday, it was a United States Naval vessel (the Charles A. Stratford), that literally pulled the schooner's crew out of the deep. Picture shows two very happy Portuguese sailors holding Able Bodied Seaman Clyde Clegg aloft after effusively thanking him and the crew for their rescue. Seaman Clegg hails from Brooklyn. He was one of the rescue team which saved the entire crew of the Maria Carlotta. This is the second recent sea-rescue in which Negro sailors have figured





## Heroism of Pullman Porter Rivals Epic Tale of Casey Jones

GALLITIN, Pa. — The heroic death of Lee Keys, Pullman porter of Houston, Tex., in the wreck of the run-away Pennsylvania Railroad sleeping car, near here at dawn, Feb. 28, was in the valorous tradition of Casey Jones.

Warning the passengers to lie in the aisles, after the car started hurtling down the crest of the Allegheny mountains at 50 miles per hour, Keys vainly struggled with the emergency brakes on the rear platform and was crushed when the car hit the hillside, injuring, but not fatally, 11 of the 13 other occupants.

**Where Hero Died:** L. Keys, Negro, of Houston, Texas, porter on the New York-to-Texas "Sunshine Special" was killed here trying to halt the runaway Pullman car which broke away from the crack train. As the car dashed backwards down a steep three-mile grade near Altoona, Pa., Keys stood on the platform turning the emergency brakes which failed to respond. When the car left the track and ploughed into a bank Keys was crushed to death. Eleven passengers were injured.

# Negro Vet Rescues 10 Families From Fire

By John Hudson Jones and Arnold Sroog

Quick action by a young Negro veteran saved 10 families from being trapped by an early morning three-alarm blaze that yesterday gutted a five-story tenement at 309 W. 116 St. William Baker, 28, of 279 W. 119 St., was eating at the H&W Grill, 116 St. and Eighth Ave., when he spotted sparks shooting out of the roof of the tenement at 4:30 a.m. He dashed out of the restaurant Baker helped out of the burning tenement was a woman with an infant. *Man, 1-27-47*

Then he ran out and turned in the alarm. He rushed back to the house and led all the families to safety before the first fire truck arrived, some 10-12 minutes after he turned in the alarm.

### MOTHER, INFANT SAVED

By that time flames were shooting out of every window in the house. But for Baker's presence of mind the families would have faced death in the flame. Among those

While the origin of the blaze was not officially determined, firemen believed it started in a beauty parlor on the ground floor. A concrete fire-resistant staircase was credited by firemen with helping prevent a major tragedy. Four families living on two top floors of the neighboring tenement at 311 W. 116 St. were also routed by the blaze and their apartments

damaged. Twelve hours after the alarm was turned in the building was still smouldering.

The United Harlem Tenants and consumers Organization held a mass meeting at the scene yesterday afternoon to protest the lack of fire protection in Harlem. Several of the burned out families attended. The rally demanded the city Welfare Department act to relocate the 14 homeless families immediately.

After helping lead the families out of the tenement, Baker directed several of them to the Red Cross for aid. Others he managed to place temporarily in nearby rooming houses, by interceding with the owners. *Man, 1-27-47*

## Rescues Three From Blazing United Airliner

NEW YORK — A 22-year-old colored porter has been revealed as the outstanding hero in the wake of the crash of a United Airlines plane at LaGuardia Field on Thursday night of last week which, to date, has claimed 42 lives.

The youthful hero was identified as H. Howard, who was described as having rushed into the blazing inferno which followed the crash of the huge airliner and rescuing three women passengers, one of whom is said to have died in his arms. Officials of LaGuardia Field had high praise for Howard's heroism and said he dashed into the inferno in a matter of minutes after the crash, in complete disregard for his own safety.

The feat was not given much publicity for some unexplained reason. Howard, however, was cited on the Jimmy Fidler broadcast Sunday night in his "Americans in the News" series, and received a gold watch valued at \$200. The story of his heroism in one of the worst air disasters in the nation's history, was

chosen by Al Jolson, the "Americans in the News" reporter for the week, and the information relayed to Fidler. *Sat. 6-7-47* A total of 39 persons originally lost their lives in the disaster, but the toll on Sunday had risen to 42 with the hospital deaths of three other seriously injured passengers.

He calmed children with talk while covering them with wet blankets. By the time the train reached the nearest lake, Blair's clothes were afire, but he still helped the women and children off the train before crawling into the water and himself. Blair received a medal and watch for his heroism.

## BOY SCOUTS HONOR NATIONAL LEADERS

*New York Times*  
Cardinal Spellman and Baruch Among 8 Who Receive Awards for Service to Boyhood

Adherence to the principles of the Scout Oath and law—to love God and country and respect the rights of the individual—was advocated, yesterday by civic and religious leaders at the closing ceremony of the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. Cardinal Spellman, Bernard M. Baruch and six other prominent men were honored by the organization for "distinguished service to boyhood" at a luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. One thousand delegates from 545 councils throughout the country attended the meeting. *Thurs. 5-2-47*

## PULLMAN PORTERS CITED FOR HONESTY, BRAVERY

CHICAGO — Routine honesty and bravery of pullman porters are dramatized in Stewart Holbrook's August Negro Digest article relating the recovery of \$75,000 in jewelry, and rescue of an entire community surrounded by a blazing forest fire. *Sun. 7-13-47* "Pullman porters are tight-lipped of all men," Holbrook, author of "Lost Men Of American History" and six other books states. "And the traveling public knows little of their lives and work. "Being a pullman porter is like getting a ten-second flash of every fire. Hustling scores of women and children aboard his chair car, he sprayed them with water while his blazing car was raced through the hell of trees. *Sun. 7-13-47*

Peak act by any porter, however, is that of John Blair who helped rescue the citizens of a small Minnesota town surrounded by a forest fire. Hustling scores of women and children aboard his chair car, he sprayed them with water while his blazing car was raced through the hell of trees. *Sun. 7-13-47*

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd



who had received similar honors under you can go to greater and on a previous occasion, expressed better things for all." A gold medal for heroism was his indebtedness to scouting in connection with his explorations during the last twenty years. He paid special tribute to a former Boy Scout, Dr. Paul Siple, geographer and explorer, his aide since the first Antarctic expedition in 1928, who was one of the recipients of the award of the Silver Buffalo. He is one of forty-seven Boy Scouts who received life-saving awards for 1946.

The others receiving the award were Judge Manuel Camus, president of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines; Cleveland E. Dodge, chairman of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York; Perrin C. Galpin, chairman of the National Health and Safety Committee of the Boy Scouts of America, and William H. Pouch, member of the executive board of the National Council since 1939.

R. Douglas Stuart, honorary president of the Chicago Council since 1939, was not present to receive his award. It was accepted for him by Sidney Wanzer 3d, a member of the Chicago Council.

#### Cardinal Accepts Award

Cardinal Spellman, who was introduced by Amory Houghton, president of the National Council, accepted the honor "as a sign of my affection for the youth of America and the youth of the world."

"The whole world, saddened and depressed by two World Wars within one generation, scouting for happiness and peace and seeking in some way an enduring peace," the Cardinal continued, "would do well to take heed of the program set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. For the Boy Scouts is an educational agency to instruct, to invigorate and to inspire the American boy with sound and healthy ideas and ideals for his happiness as a child of God and as a patriotic citizen of our beloved America." *Thurs. 5-29-47*

"In this age, when in certain countries and in some groups within our own country, the name of God is publicly blasphemed, and His law flouted, any agency that encourages men and boys to adore God and obey His will should be supported and encouraged."

Mr. Baruch referred to "the great heritage" of the Boy Scouts "in living under the Constitution and amidst the institutions of this country." He urged them "to protect those institutions against the inroads and destructive changes, especially those soft and beguiling, that seemingly benefit, but only end in injury to the individual."

In view of the sufferings resulting from "the bloodiest and costliest of all wars," Mr. Baruch warned against "a tendency to despair."

"All we need to succeed," he continued, "is to use but half the sense and energy with which we are endowed. Then we shall defeat those who desire and predict only evil consequences. Your country



*Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier*  
**CLEANS OUT GANG**—Alert drug clerk Albert Canton, employed in the Nice Pharmacy, 1661 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, is shown with Mrs. Harold Nice, wife of the proprietor, after he had killed one holdup man, seriously wounded a second, and routed a third. Canton became the hero of the neighborhood because of his exploit.—Rowe Photo.

## ALERT DRUG CLERK IS HEIGHTS HERO

*Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier*  
NEW YORK—"It was just a matter of ridding the community of such pests." Such was the simple, direct reply of Albert Canton, drug clerk and now community hero, who shot dead one of three young thugs and wounded another as they attempted to stage a robbery Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, at the Nice Pharmacy, 1661 Amsterdam Avenue, corner of 142nd Street, where Canton is employed. Canton, well-known and highly respected in the community by whites and Negroes as "Al," has already received innumerable letters of praise from persons within the community and outside the community, and it is rumored that Canton will receive a commendation for his bravery and alertness from the Police Commissioner of the city of New York in the near future.

The proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nice, jointly stated:

"There are no words good enough to say in Al's behalf."

Mrs. Nice continued:

"Al's been with us so long that we all feel like one happy family." *Sat. 2-1-47*

Al Canton has worked in the Nice drug store almost twenty of the twenty-one years they have been in business.

Public-spirited Mr. Canton, who for many years has been a member of St. Philip Episcopal Church and a member of the Mechanics Lodge, asserted that he has always intended to uphold the community and his race, but went on to affirm that "what's wrong is wrong." During the war Mr. Canton served as a member of the city's patrol corps division of the Police Department.

#### GUN PERMIT

Holder of a Police Department permit to carry a revolver as protection against holdups, Canton had his first opportunity to use it when around 7:15 that evening he thwarted the efforts of three young thugs who were robbing the store's cash register.

Mr. and Mrs. Nice were looking on "helplessly" when the quick-thinking employee came to their rescue.

Nathan Scott, 18, who died at Knickerbocker Hospital within ten minutes after Canton had shot him in the abdomen, was identified by police as a resident of 1190 Franklin Avenue, the Bronx. It was believed that he was leader of the trio.

The other youth, whose lower left abdomen was pierced by a bullet from Canton's .38-calibre revolver, was identified as George Owens, 17, of 252 West 148th Street. A third youth escaped, apparently unharmed, but detectives seemed to have their finger on the missing suspect.

Owens has been transferred from Harlem Hospital to Bellevue Prison Ward, where his condition is reported "favorable." Owens has been booked for assault and robbery.

The quiet, unassuming and courteous clerk confessed to reporters that he had once been employed as an investigator for the intelligence division of one of the Federal law enforcement agencies.

Upon entering the store, one of the trio asked for a jar of "hair grease." When Mrs. Nice handed it to him, he then asked for another as his second accomplice shoved a revolver at the frightened woman and announced that a holdup was in progress. The third stood by the door as lookout man. Meanwhile, Mr. Nice was busy filling prescriptions in the back of the store.

Suspecting something to be wrong, Mr. Nice came out asking firmly: *Sat. 2-1-47*

"Is there something else you'd like, young man?"

When told that a stickup was taking place, Nice called to Canton, who was at that time in the cellar, and advised him to come up and open the cash register. Canton became alerted by the order, and sensing the tension of a possible holdup, immediately began planning how to shoot and hit the hoodlums.

Several minutes later he came upstairs, allegedly carrying through orders. Canton walked over behind the cash register which had just been rifled, lifted an empty box and pretended to be returning to the cellar. At that moment, the thug with the stolen cash brushed by him in flight. In a split second Canton grabbed the youth who had taken \$145 from the register, and using him as a shield, fired at the thug with the stolen cash brushed dropped to the floor. Owens was discovered at Harlem Hospital seeking treatment for a wound.

## Negro Braves Flames To Save White Girl -- Is Not Lynched

*Chicago, Ill. 2-1-47*  
*Sat. 2-7-47*  
KOSCIUSKO, Miss. — A

Negro war veteran and tenant farmer won the role of a hero here late last Tuesday afternoon when braving intense heat, smoke and fire, he crawled through a broken window of a flaming dwelling to rescue the infant daughter of a white family.

The remarkable action of R. C. Chapman, World War II veteran, in rescuing the baby, made whites here temporarily forget their race prejudice in their praise for the young man. *Sat. 6-7-47*

Chapman was driving by on Highway 12 when he was attracted by the screams of Mrs. Marshall Aldridge (white), when her home suddenly burst into flames. She and her 11 children were in the house when it was almost completely enveloped by flames. The hysterical woman, in her frantic effort to rush the children out of the blazing building and to gather household effects, overlooked the infant. *Sat. 6-7-47*

Race hate was shoved into the background when Chapman rushed into the inferno and saved the baby from a horrible death only seconds before the roof collapsed.



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# MRS. ROOSEVELT HONORED

*6 June*  
Receives Award for Efforts to  
Better Race Relations

*New York N.Y.*  
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt accepted yesterday an award from the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute for her efforts to better race relations in the United States. *Sept. 11. 1947*

The medal was presented by Austin W. Curtis Jr., until recently, a teacher at Tuskegee Institute, and an understudy of Dr. Carver in his student days.

The award was made in Mrs. Roosevelt's home, 29 Washington Square, West. She expressed a fondness for Dr. Carver, "a gentle person who meant a lot to all of us." She said that the medal would be added to the collection of mementos at Hyde Park. Robert D. Hobday, managing director of the institute, was present.

George Washington Carver Memorial Institute



# Newsman Honor

*Chicago, Ill.  
Defender*

## James L. Hicks

### Capital Press Club Gives Annual Award

*Sat. 6-7-47*  
WASHINGTON — (N N P A) —

James L. Hicks, staff writer and assistant chief of the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association's news bureau, was named the "newsman's newsman" of 1946 by members of the Capital Press Club at its fourth annual dinner held at Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall last Friday night.

The award, given annually for "outstanding endeavor, enterprise and excellence of performance as a working news reporter in Washington," was made to Hicks by popular vote of the organization's 67 members.

Other awards, previously announced but not presented, went to Sherman Briscoe and Frederick Harris. Briscoe is an information specialist in the Agriculture Department and a former reporter for the Chicago Defender. Harris is a free-lance news photographer.

Hicks, a veteran of 36 months in the Pacific, is a former editor of the Negro Interest Section of the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations who worked as a newsman with the Cleveland Call-Post before entering the service.

Gerald G. Gross, Washington Post reporter, who substituted as speaker at the dinner for Edward T. Folliard, 1946 Pulitzer prize winner, urged members of the colored press to place greater emphasis on coverage of scientific events.

The dinner was presided over by Art Carter, president of the club and editor of the Washington Afro-American. Al Smith, Chicago Defender columnist, acted as toastmaster.

*Sat. 6-7-47*  
The club's annual newsletter was read by Lloyd Genus of the advertising department of the Afro-American. More than 125 guests attended the affair.



## Pennsylvanian Wins Carnegie Hero Fund Award; Saved Overseer

*Atlanta, Ga. Daily World Wed. 4-30-47*  
PITTSBURGH—(ANP)—Thomas Gardner, 52-year-old pipe fitter's helper of Saint Joseph, La., was one of 15 persons awarded the bronze medal for acts of heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund commission, at its spring meeting in Oliver building here last Friday.

The award was given Gardner for rescuing William D. Clark, 28-year-old white supervisor of installations, from burning last Aug. 22, at St. Joseph. A resume of the case shows that "while Clark was in an excavation four and a half feet deep removing a broken pipe, from which a mixture of butane and propane gas had escaped, the gas ignited and flames 30 feet high filled the excavation and extended six feet beyond the sides. *Wed. 4-30-47*

"Gardner, whose legs were crippled, ran out of the flames, escaping turning to Clark, he pushed and visored cap and shielding his face partly with one arm, he jumped into the excavation and grasped Clark, who weighed 235 pounds, but could not move him and Gardner ran out of the flames for air. Returning to Clarke, he pushed and lifted him with great difficulty to one side of the excavation, where Clark, with aid from Gardner, pulled himself partly out. Gardner then got out of the excavation and, in flames, pulled Clark out."

*Wed. 4-30-47*  
Clark died of his burns the following day and Gardner sustained serious burns and a torn shoulder muscle.

## Detroit Janitor, 26, Awarded Medal by Carnegie Hero Fund

*Baltimore, Md. Sat. 5-11-47*  
PITTSBURGH (ANP)—The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission last week awarded a bronze medal for bravery to Lee A. Davenport, 26, a Detroit janitor, who, last Feb. 18, saved Mrs. Margaret J. Pryor, from drowning when she broke through ice on the Detroit river into water 15 feet deep and 15 feet from the bank. *Sat.*

Davenport ran 250 feet to a 12-foot fence, climbed it, and jumped to the ground. Lying prone on the ice, he pulled himself to the edge of the hole and tried to pull the woman from the water. The ice broke under him and both were submerged briefly. *Mon. 5-12-47*

Holding Mrs. Pryor at arm's length, Davenport swam with her six feet to the edge of the ice which she grasped. He got out of the water, lay flat on the ice, and helped her upon it. Davenport crawled on his knees and dragged her nine feet to safety.

## Hero Of Louisiana Fire Awarded Carnegie Medal

*St. Joseph, La. Sat. 5-10-47*  
ST. JOSEPH, La.—A 52-year-old Negro of this town was one of 15 persons in the nation to receive the Carnegie Medal for heroism this year.

He is Thomas Gardner, who nearly lost his life last August in two attempts to save a 28-year-old white man from death in a flaming pit.

Gardner was employed as a pipefitter's helper with William D. Clarke, white, who was supervising the installation of a butane gas plant. Clarke had gone down into an excavation when a gas explosion occurred in the hole. Gardner jumped into the inferno to rescue the supervisor but was driven out by flames and intense heat.

Determined to get the helpless man out of the pit, he jumped back in and managed to drag him to the surface. Clarke died of burns the following day. Gardner suffered severe burns and a torn shoulder muscle. He remained in a hospital for several weeks.

St. Joseph's white and Negro citizens contributed more than \$1,000 to compensate Gardner for time lost from employment, the money being presented in a public ceremony on the courthouse square. Gardner was later recommended for the Carnegie Medal.



**Dr. Quinland Receives Highest Honor**

The new and highly distinctive honor of Fellow of the College of American Pathologists (F. C. A. P.) has recently been conferred on D. W. S. Quinland, pathologist and chief of laboratory services of the Veterans Administration hospital, Tuskegee.

On the basis of scientific recognition Dr. Quinland has consistently maintained a pioneering position among Negroes in the field of pathology. At present he is the only Negro fellow of the College of American pathologists, and was for the past 10 years the only Negro diplomate of the American Board of Pathology.

Throughout the past 25 years Dr. Quinland's experience in general medicine, and particularly in the field of pathology has afforded him the opportunity to make invaluable, scientific contributions, in recognition of which he was honored more than a year ago with the degree of doctor of science by Lincoln university, Pennsylvania.



Winchell, 'Crossfire,' Too

# 'Kingsblood Royal'

*Courier Pittsburgh Pa.*

## Cops Ebony Award

Set. 12-13-47

CHICAGO—Awards for the movie, play, book and radio program of 1947 which did most to improve interracial understanding were announced this week by the magazine Ebony. The awards are:

Book—"Kingsblood Royal."

Movie—"Crossfire."

Play—"Finian's Rainbow."

Radio—Walter Winchell.

Chosen by nationally known critics including Burns Mantle, Norman Corwin, Lewis Gannett and Walter White, the winners are named in the January issue of the locally published monthly. A bronze plaque will be presented to each winner.

"The four major forms of entertainment in America came of age this past year," Ebony asserts. "The popular entertainment fields are making frank, honest efforts to improve interracial understanding."

### MARKET FLOODED

The magazine declares: "The year 1947 saw Hollywood openly tackle the subject of race hate. A new high in literature about racial problems flooded the market."

"Broadway's stages saw at least four musicals with mixed casts during the year," Ebony continues. "And radio, long wary of racial issues, came out of its shell this year to tackle in regular programs, like soap operas, kid's programs, and news commentaries the problem of amity for minorities here at home."

A strong winner was Sinclair Lewis' "Kingsblood Royal," which garnered the vote of the New York Herald Tribune's Lewis Gannett, the New York World Telegram's Harry Hansen and Fisk University Librarian Arna Bontemps. The remaining two judges in the book panel were critic Carl Van Vechten who voted for Willard Motley's "Knock On Any Door" and Sterling North of the New York Post who voted for "Gentlemen's Agreement."

*Courier* "Finian's Rainbow," winner of the theatre award, earned the vote of three judges also, with the New York Daily News' Burns Mantle, the Saturday Review of Literature's John Mason Brown and the American Negro Theater's Abram Hill all casting for it. Dissenting votes were polled by Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times, and Louis Kronenberger of PM, who voted for "Street Scene" and "Call Me Mister," respectively.

Voting for the other winners was highly varied, with no more than two judges casting ballots for any one nominee. *Pittsburgh*

"Crossfire" won the movie award on the strength of votes by the Hearst newspapers' Louella Parsons and Sidney Skolsky of United Features; both Hollywood columnists. Other judges and their votes were Jimmie Fidler (McNaught Syndicate "Black Gold," Hedda Hopper (Chicago Tribune-New York Daily News) "Song Of The South," and NAACP Secretary Walter White, "Body and Soul."

Votes by John Crosby of the New York Herald Tribune and Dan Burley of the New York Amsterdam News gave Walter Winchell the edge in the radio division.

## Ebony Announces Tolerance Awards

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Movie — "Crossfire" *Set. 12-13-47*

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JACKIE ROBINSON



RAY ROBINSON

Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers' classy first baseman will receive an award for his "outstanding record both in the International and National baseball leagues and for showing an admirable combination of playing ability, personal courage and dignity on and off the baseball diamond." Sat. 5-31-47

Joe Louis is honororary national commander of the host organization and he will be on hand to participation in the ceremony honoring the two Robinsons.

# Atlanta Daily World FREEDOM AWARD TO RAY—

Ray Robinson, right, is being congratulated by Kenneth C. Kennedy, of Birmingham, former national commander of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America on the stage of Town Hall in New York following presentation of a "freedom award" for his boxing prowess and clean sportsmanship. Ray was one of ten Americans honored by the veterans organization for contributing to the Negro people's struggle for a fuller democracy in America. Wed. 6-11-47

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## ROBINSONS HAVE IT:

# Jackie and Sugar Ray Afro-American Sat. 5-31-47 to Get Town Hall Salute

Baltimore, Md. were announced by the national council of the organization which designated ten award winners including Ingrid Bergman, Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers; and Lee Sabinson, producer of "Finian's Rainbow," Broadway hit musical.

NEW YORK—Two of the most famous names in American sport will be honored at Town Hall here on May 31 when the United and Allied Veterans of America present Jackie Robinson and Ray Robinson with "Freedom Awards" for having contributed to the progress of the race in America.

The awards which will be made at a "Salute to Veterans" program

Welterweight champion Ray Robinson will be honored for "having won the world's welterweight championship and proved his right to a champion's crown by exhibiting high sportsmanship, clean living and exceptional boxing skill."



## Motley, Willis Named to All-League Eleven

*From American  
Baltimore, Md.*  
NEW YORK—For the second year in succession, Marion Motley and Bill Willis, regulars on the Cleveland Browns All-America Conference champions, were selected to the all-league football first team here last week. *Sat. 12-27-47*

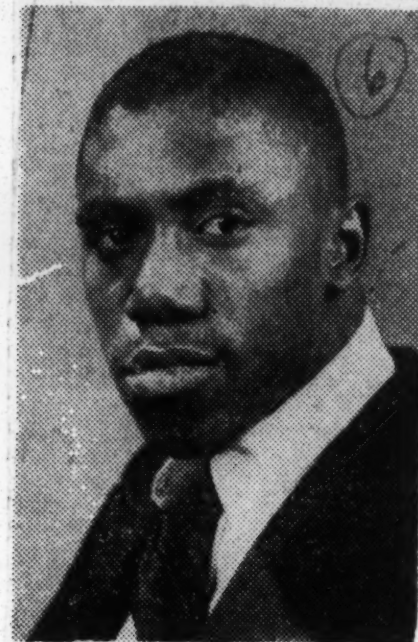
A poll of 52 football writers of the conference, found Motley named to the fullback post with a comfortable margin of ballots over Norm Standlee, white, former Stanford star now with San Francisco.

The big Brownie fullback polled 40½ votes with Standlee receiving but 24.

Willis drew 31½ votes to round out an all-Cleveland guard team with Lou Rymkus, white.

Buddy Young, New York Yankees speedster, drew 20½ points for a second team halfback nomination, despite the fact he played most of the season at fullback for the Eastern division champions.

consistent, he is clean and he is capable. Like Huston he stands very high scholastically. He will be eligible to play next year, but is very anxious to get out of school and get into dental school, and may elect to take extra work in an effort to get his degree before next fall.



RICHARD HUSTON

## Scribes Pick Race Gridder Star Player In Glass Bowl

*Journal and Guide  
Montreal*  
*Sat. 12-20-47*  
Special to Journal and Guide

TOLEDO, Ohio — Dick Huston, University of Toledo halfback, was chosen outstanding player and winner of the Toledo Blade Plaque in the second annual Glass Bowl football game between Toledo and New Hampshire Universities, played Saturday, Dec. 6.

Huston was elected by a poll of newspaper and radio men who covered the game. Eight of 25 votes went to Huston. The remainder were divided among other players.

Next year, Huston will be the guest of the Toledo Blade at the Glass Bowl Game, at which time he will be awarded a carved glass

plaque. Should he be living out of the city at that time, the Blade will pay his expenses to come here to receive the award.

### POPULAR DECISION

The naming of Huston was a popular move with his teammates. Dick is well liked. He is an excellent student, on the quiet side, and all his activities while connected with the team have been above reproach.

Huston's great football skill was his speed and shiftiness. He was Toledo's greatest breakaway runner and was a good pass receiver. One of the best touchdowns he ever made for Toledo was the second score of the Glass Bowl game when he came through the line,

stepped over a fallen Toledo player, bumped into an official and weaved his way through a mass of New Hampshire men to go 27 yards for a score.

### OTHER PLAYERS STAR

Another Negro, Fullback Emerson Cole, of Swanton, Ohio, received one vote for outstanding player. Cole did a fine job plunging through the line for short, consistent gains and would have worked himself to death had he not been replaced. On one occasion this year he played the full 60 minutes at fullback because no competent replacements were available.

A third Negro on the team, Dave Hamlar of Roanoke, Va., has been the finest player on the team game in the game and game out. He is

*Football  
Daily World  
Atlanta Ga.*  
*Dec. 12-20-47*  
*Daily World  
Atlanta Ga.*  
WINNER OF SCHNEER'S AWARD—Elijah Paschal, fast-charging Morehouse College guard, has been selected as the best all-around player in the annual city championship series between Clark, Morehouse and Morris Brown Colleges and will receive the coveted Schmeer's Award, a beautiful 17-jewel shockresisting Benrus Watch, the style officially adopted by the leading American airways. Thursday morning at the regular chapel services in Sale Hall, Morehouse College. The award will be made by George Kantor, manager of Schmeer's, Atlanta's leading credit jeweler, at 48 Whitehall Street. Paschal, third guard to win the Schmeer's Award is a sophomore at Morehouse. He is a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., and graduated from Central High School in the Indiana metropolis. He was in the Armed Forces three years and saw service in both the European and Pacific Theatres of Operations.





**WINS COVETED AWARD**—Miss Rachel R. Service officials the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Carter (center), home demonstration agent of Amherst County, Va., shows Virginia Extension Service officials the Algernon Sydney Sullivan scroll received recently from Sweet

Briar College in recognition of 25 years of outstanding service to the people of Amherst County. Left to right are: Miss Lucy Blake, district-at-large; W. O. Turner, assistant state boys' club agent; Miss Carter, Ros W. Newsome, state agent in charge of Negro work and Miss B. D. Harrison, district agent.

## Howard U. Prof. Gets Hampton Award

*Chicago Defender*  
*Chicago, Ill.*  
HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—Arthur P. Davis, professor of English at Howard University and well-known newspaper columnist, received the 1947 National Hampton Alumni Award at the Commencement Services in Ogden Hall Monday morning.

The award is presented annually to an alumnus of Hampton Institute who in the opinion of a committee of the staff "has made an outstanding contribution in his profession or occupation, and who in relations with his fellow men has incarnated Hampton's ideals of

## White and Negro Catholic laymen win interracial awards

*Los Angeles Cal.*  
NEW YORK—Directors of the Catholic Interracial Council have announced winners of the James J. Hoey Awards for Interracial Justice for 1947. They are Clarence T. Hunter, president of the Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis; and Julian J. Reiss, for two years a member of the New York Commission Against Discrimination (1945-1947).

Hunter, a prominent Catholic Negro, is a school principal, and was one of the founders of the

Catholic Interracial Council, of St. Louis. Reiss, a resident of Lake Placid, New York, is a well known white Catholic layman.

The James J. Hoey Awards which were established in 1942 by the family of the late James J. Hoey, one of the founders and first president of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, are conferred each year upon a white and colored Catholic layman who have made the most outstanding contribution to the interracial cause during the year. The awards consist of two silver medals that are conferred on the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in October.

## Interracial Awards Made

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Mr. Hunter is a prominent Catholic Negro connected with the Saint Louis School system and is principal of the Banneker school. He was one of the founders of the Catholic Interracial council of St. Louis. Mr. Reiss is a residence of Lake Placid, New York and a well known Catholic layman, the owner of the Northland Motors Co., and associated with the Reiss Manufacturing Co., of the locally-published monthly graduate of Fordham university and a grand knight of the Lake Placid

## FRONT INTERRACIAL UNDERSTANDING AWARDS TO "KINGSBLOOD"

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**Ada Jackson Honored:** Dr. Gene Weltfish awards "an Oscar" to Mrs. Ada B. Jackson for outstanding activity in the field of community service as Paul Robeson looks on. The award was made yesterday at a special luncheon at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn. Guests included Dorothy Parker, Stella Adler, Jack Lawrence and others. Mrs. Jackson is candidate for City Council in Brooklyn on the ALP ticket.

## Wm. Maynard Elected 'Businessman Of Year'

*Defender Chicago, Ill.*  
BIRMINGHAM—(ANP) — Citizens here will honor William Phillips Maynard Jr., general manager of the Jones Valley Finance Co., Inc., as "Birmingham's Business Man of the Year 1946" on March 11 when the Business Men's League holds its second annual Booker T. Washington memorial banquet. Announcement of the

award was made last week by W. H. Hollins, league president. This is also the second annual award of the kind to be made by the organization. Mrs. Gertrude Eleanor Anderson, candy manufacturer, was selected for the honor in 1946. Maynard was recommended along with others on a list presented by a committee which evaluated contributions made to business by both men and women during 1946. Members of the league were polled on all names submitted

*Chicago Defender*  
Jackie Robinson, guest along with H.U. Coach Ed Jackson and Captain "Jug" Marshall, at Capital Press Club luncheon had the boys in the aisles with his snappy answers to off-record questions. Mary V. Ransom, daughter of NAACP Atty. Leon Ransom, became first colored girl journalism student at Ohio U., to be taken in Newswomen's Fraternity. Circuit's Debut Issue of "Smart Woman" mag lived up to notice and is a treat and bargain at 20 cents. Photography is breathtaking.





**CLAM-EATING CHAMP**—Mrs. Edna Lamb of Maurice River, N.J., puts away one of the 186 clams she ate to become national clam-eating champion. It took her 25 minutes to set the mark. Runner-up was no-time champ Israel Weintraub of Atlantic City, where the contest held. He ate 144 clams. *Sat. 10-11-47*

**WAR DEPARTMENT HONORS**  
**BISHOP RUSSELL**  
*Jackson Tenn Ore*  
 War Department  
 Office of Chief of Chaplains  
 Washington, D. C. *Tennessee*

Bishop C. L. Russell, Bishop of the New England, North and South Carolina, and Washington and Virginia Conferences of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Major General) Luther D. Miller, in the Office Chief of Chaplains, Friday morn-



**GETS MARINE AWARD**—Fireman Cleophus Wilson of Engine Co. 11 in Philadelphia receives the Marine Corps Award from Col. Price, USMC, as Patrolman Charles (extreme left) of the 31st district awaits his turn. The Mayor, Fire Chief Cowan, and Police Sup. Sutton watch the ceremony. Over 90 firemen and policemen, all ex-Marines, received awards. *The Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.*

ing 31 October 1947. *The 11-20-47*

The certificate was presented Bishop Russell in recognition of the valuable service rendered by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in the procurement and endorsement of chaplains for service in the Army, and of the various forms of aid and encouragement extended them in the performance of their duties.

The certificate is signed by the Chief of Chaplains, USA and former Secretary of War, the Honorable Robert P. Patterson. *The 11-20-47*

Bishop Russell resides at 1843 "S" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Those witnessing the presentation included military personnel in the Office Chief of Chaplains and invited guests from the C. M. E. Churches in Washington and New York, including: The Reverend L. W. Jaxon, Presiding Elder of the District; the Reverend H. L. Burton, Israel Metropolitan C. M. E. Church; the Reverend L. Q. Brown, Presiding Elder, New York district; the Reverend L. R. Kibler, Miles Memorial C. M. E. Church; the Reverend D. A. Bell, St. John C. M. E. Church. Reverend C. E. Kelley, Greater Lane C. M. E. Church.

Signed:

MATTHEW H. IMRIE  
 Chaplain (Major) USA Assistant

The Church is happy to learn of this recognition of services rendered by Bishop Russell during the war. Bishop Russell not only encouraged some of his best ministers to enter into the Chaplaincy but he has appointed these men to some of the best charges since they have returned. He has appointed two of the Presiding Elders.

## Tenor Awarded Highest Honor In All Judaism

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(ANP) Presentation of a solid gold menorah, the highest honor that can be conferred by a Jewish synagogue to an individual, was made Friday night to Tenor Lee Simpkins by the Olympic Jewish Center at elaborate ceremonies.

The award was made in recognition of Simpkins' outstanding contributions to "the causes of humanity and brotherhood," according to Martin Bialosoff, president of the center, who made the presentation. Accompanying the menorah was a mogin dovid, religious relic which contains the Ten Commandments.

Simpkins, now appearing at Slapsy Maxie's theatre-restaurant, has sung in hundreds of synagogues throughout the United States and aided in countless charity drives. *Sat. 12-27-47*

Burt B. Mold, chairman of the temple's entertainment committee who arranged the event, said that the award to Simpkins is the first ever made by the synagogue in its 30-year history.



# Prominent Nurse Who Wins Award Feted In New York City

Journal & Guide Norfolk, Va.



## Gotham Sculpture School's 1st Award Given To Ohio Girl

Sat. 10-25-47

NEW YORK—Selma Burke

distinguished Negro sculptor and

director of New York's School of

of Sculpture, has made known

that the first annual \$500 scholarship

has been awarded to

Carol R. Sharpe, of Cuyahoga

Falls, Ohio. The committee of

judges included such well-known

sculptors as Mitzi Solomon, for

Richmond Barthe and Miss

Burke.

The School of Sculpture was

founded in 1945 in order to pro-

vide facilities in sculpting for

talented people of all races. The

school is located in Greenwich

Village.

rs, editors, columnists, governors, Congressmen, senators, commentators, artists and others.

Eleven judges made the final selections. Nominees were required to be between 21 and 35 years of age. Bill Mauldin, Phoenix, Ariz., cartoonist, won for "his clear interpretation of the present problems of men in the armed forces."

1-25-47

Works for Veterans Charles G. Bolte, New York City, chairman of the American Veterans' Committee was selected for his leadership in veterans' affairs. Others named were:

Joseph A. Beirne, Washington, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers; Joseph F. Kennedy, Boston, U.S. Representative; Dr. Philip Morrison, Cornell University, atomic physicist; John A. Patton, Chicago, engineer; Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Harvard University, author; and Harry M. Wismer, Ypsilanti, Mich., sports director, ABC network.

## 2nd Negro honored by biological society

ATLANTA—A second Negro has been honored with a membership in the Marine Biological Laboratory Corporation, composed of

440 of the country's most noted biologists. He is S. Milton Nabrit, dean of the school of arts and sciences of Atlanta University here.

First Negro honored was the late Dr. Ernest E. Just.

1-25-47

## Rejuvenated Boxing

Louis was named for "stimulating good will and bringing respectability to the boxing ring."

Nominations to the list were from

1350 Junior Chambers of Commerce, from newspaper publish

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## Joe Louis Listed Among 10 Leading Men of Year

CHICAGO—Joe Louis, heavy-weight boxing champion, and the Georgia Assistant Attorney General were among the 10 men selected as the nation's outstanding young men of the year by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce last week.

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Dan Duke, Fairburn, Ga., the Assistant Attorney General, was

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Walter Jones showing how he signalled the Wolverine to a stop  
The New York Times

## Train With 400 Passengers Aboard Brought to Quick Stop by His Emergency Signal

Riders Take Collection for Him

Passengers disembarking from the New York Central train Wolverine yesterday had much to discuss about the usually routine trip from Chicago. For it had been the quick action of a dining car waiter that had saved them from a possibly disastrous accident and serious injury.

The story of the waiter's alertness emerged when the Wolverine arrived at 1 P. M. in Grand Central Station, three hours late.

The train left Chicago on schedule Sunday afternoon with 400 passengers. The early hours of the trip were uneventful. As the fourteen-car train rolled through the flat farmland in Ontario, Canada, the waiter, Walter L. Jones, rested in the front of the fifth coach, his dinner chores completed. The train had just left St. Thomas.

"Suddenly," Mr. Jones recalled in

New York, "I heard a rattling under the train. I went to the vestibule and looked down between the cars. I could see sparks and I knew something was wrong with the under-rigging."

As the train sped through the darkness at more than sixty miles an hour, Mr. Jones realized a rear truck axle of the car ahead of him had snapped. Two wheels had broken off, and the truck was "riding the ties."

at Minneapolis last week. He was presented with a three-foot silver trophy and a Piper cube plane valued at \$2,200, for his prize-winning "rubber-powered" model on which he worked a month. The 30-year old designer is married and has three children.

of Liberia the honor of Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Wol-Pope Plus IX. This order is conferred on heads of states. Knight Grand Cross is the highest grade of the order.

PLANE CONTEST WINNER GIVEN \$2,200 PLANE

Frank Cummings Jr. of Los Angeles, was the surprised winner of the annual National Airplane championship contest held

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Four of the ten women, selected by Mademoiselle Magazine as the "Young Women of the Year," are shown as they received awards recently from Betsy Talbot Blackwell, editor of the magazine (right). Winners are (left to right) Pauli Murray, New York lawyer, and crusader against intolerance; Dorothy V. Wheeler, Wichita, Kan., and New York, director, nursing service, American Veterans Administration; Judy Holliday, New York actress, and Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu, of Shanghai, China, now of New York and Princeton, N.J., physicist, senior research scientist on the Manhattan project (nuclear fission) at Columbia University. Miss Murray, formerly of Baltimore, is the only non-white of the ten honored.

## SOCIAL WORKER NAMED AS FIRST PORTLAND CITIZEN

PORTLAND, Ore.—(ANP)—The title "First Negro citizen of Portland for 1946" was conferred last week on Miss Doris M. Reynolds, social service worker for the Blessed Martin league of Oregon.

Miss Reynolds, elected from a field of 16 candidates, has been employed by the Blessed Martin league, a Catholic organization, for more than three years to promote its religious, charitable, education and community service programs among Negroes. She has promoted a summer religious vacation session, which last year drew more than 40 children.

The honor is conferred each year by the Progressive Democratic club upon the Negro citizen who is judged to have made the greatest contribution in civic and community services during the past year. Winners for 1945 and 1944 were Clifford Walker and Dr. DeNorval Unthank, respectively.

## Ivan Browning, Tenor, Given Civilian Emblem

LOS ANGELES—Ivan Harold Browning, lyric tenor and former author of the Chicago Defender column "Across the Pond," has been awarded the Civilian Service Emblem of the War Department for outstanding work ascertaining our troops overseas.

Browning, whose home is in this city, has been acclaimed by critics at home and abroad. The newspaper London Era said of his appearance in England: "The meteoric rise of Ivan Browning in the lyrical world is due largely to inborn gifts . . . but also to strong hard practice." The Paris paper hailed his "pure sympathetic voice," while John Fowler, writing in the Los Angeles Eagle, said that while greater numbers came out to hear Marian Anderson, "there was never a more real and appreciative and spontaneous applause than that given Ivan Harold Browning."

### Praised For Diction

Browning's repertoire ranged from the oratories to the Negro dialects and melodies, in which connection the Los Angeles Times

## Florida Physician Gets Merit Medal

PENSACOLA, Fla.—(From the Pensacola Journal)—Dr. H. D. Goode, local physician, has been presented with a certificate of merit and a selective service medal for his "unselfish patriotic and un-

compensated service to selective service," Johnny Massey, chairman of the board, announced.

Dr. Goode assisted the board as a representative of his race throughout the duration of selective service, making addresses to Negro selectees and helping to select group leaders, Massey said.

Dr. Goode never failed to comply with a request of the board, Massey said. Massey contributed the fact that no serious trouble ever occurred among any group of Negro selectees sent from Pensacola to the addresses Dr. Goode made to each group before it left.

In his addresses, Dr. Goode made to each group before it left.

In his addresses, Dr. Goode stressed the pride each man should feel to be an American and cautioned them against improper conduct. He advised them to obey orders and to respect women, Massey said.

"He never preached to them but simply talked man to man," he added.

## Dr. Guy Johnson To Get Award For Work In South

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. Guy B. Johnson, a member of the board of trustees of Howard University, will be given the annual award of the Catholic Committee of the South for 1947, it was announced recently by Howard University officials. The award was to be presented at the Catholic Committee of the South's convention to be held in Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 23-25.

Dr. Johnson is a research professor of social science at the University of North Carolina and an expert on race relations and Negro culture for the Southern Regional Council.

The award is given each year to a man or woman whose work has contributed most greatly to the achievement of the South. Previous recipients include David E. Lillienthal, now head of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, and Dr. George Washington Carver, famous scientist.

### HAS SET EXAMPLE

Dr. Johnson was chosen for the honor this year "to acknowledge through him the excellent work of the Southern Regional Council, and to give recognition to a good example of sound and sane southern leadership," the announcement declares.

Officials of the Catholic Committee of the South said that through various publications and administrative positions, Dr. Johnson "has manifested an informed, sympathetic and humble leadership which deserves recognition, especially in these days when our region is beset with so much shallow, confusing demagoguery."

The award was to be presented at a general public session in the

Hotel Charlotte Sept. 24, by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, D. D., archbishop of New Orleans, and episcopal chairman of the Catholic Committee of the South.

### EXPECTED GUESTS

Among those expected to be present were Mr. Lillienthal and Dr. Howard W. Odum, leading expert on the South's regional problems and co-author with Dr. Johnson on volumes of Negro cultural studies.

The Southern Regional Council, of which Dr. Johnson was executive director for three years, is described in the Catholic Committee of the South announcement as "outstanding both in analyzing the problems and potentialities of our region, and in recommending methods of action which avoid the two extremes of ultra-conservatism and rash radicalism."

Born at Caddo Mills, Texas, Dr. Johnson received his education at Burleson Junior College, Baylor University, University of Chicago, University of North Carolina, and Yale University. He is trained in sociology, anthropology and psychology.

### TEACHING CAREER

He has been teaching school since 1922, and has held positions at Baylor Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Peabody College and Louisiana State University.

He served as a member of the staff for study of Negroes of St. Helena Island, S. C., in 1928; did special research on the Negro and economic reconstruction for the Committee on Interracial Cooperation, 1935-36, was a member of the staff of the Carnegie-Myrdal Study of the Negro in America, 1939-40, and served as executive director of the Southern Regional Council January, 1944 to April, 1947.

Dr. Johnson has written several books on Negro culture, and has contributed articles on Negro folk songs, music, dialect, folk customs, race relations, migration, crime, etc., to various journals.

## Spaulding Honored by Chicago Leaders

CHICAGO — (ANP) — C. C. Spaulding, president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., was presented with an award for distinguished service in the field of business at a dinner in his honor last week at the Morris Eat Shop here.

Seventy-five leaders from the professions, business, civic and social organizations gathered to pay tribute to the insurance executive and moving spirit behind a half-dozen thriving North Carolina enterprises located chiefly in Durham.

Speakers included T. K. Gibson, president, Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Chicago; Alderman A. J. Carey, the Rev. J. C. Austin, W. Ellis Stewart, T. K. Gibson Jr., Dr. M. O. Bousfield,

who presented the award to Mr. Spaulding.

Forum speakers were Hawkins; J. Anthony Josey, Milwaukee, Wis.; Scovel Richardson, dean of the Lincoln University of Law, St. Louis, Mo., and Aaron Toodle, Detroit, Mich. Paul H. Durrie, director of adult education in Des Moines, was moderator of the panel discussion.

### Four Speakers

former member of the Minnesota legislature, received the award and for Governor Youngdahl and Wil-

Youngdahl, Minnesota, and for Governor Robinson, Chicago, represented fair play and help to the American Negro.

The awards were made by the Midwest Negro Republican conference committee at the opening of its two-day meeting.

Other awards. Mrs. Mabel Hurd Paige, will aid in achieving greater citizenship.

## NEGROES HONOR

## TWO GOVERNORS

Des Moines, Iowa. Gold medal awards were pre-



Afro-American  
Baltimore, Md.  
Sat. 5-3-47



**WINS HANCOCK AWARD**—Adele Addison, 21, Springfield, Mass., soprano, was one of ten winners of the John Hancock Award enabling her to study at Tanglewood from June 30 to August 10 under the Boston Symphony conductor, Dr. Serge Koussevitsky at the Berkshire Music Center. A soloist at the Old First Church in Court Square, Springfield, she previously won the Springfield Junior League scholarship and the State audition for the Lavalle Scholarships sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

## AFRO Editor

Afro-American  
Cited by Army  
Baltimore, Md.

Vincent T. Tubbs, editor of the Pacific, the European Theater, and Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN, covered the activities of occupation and Max Johnson, former AFRO troops in Japan, China and Korea. Ribbon and War Department Certificate of Commendation by Lt. He was previously awarded the Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Pacific Southwest Theatre rib-

Second Army Commander, Tu- day. 30.4-19-47  
The ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre, and the certificate, were presented to Mr. Johnson in absentia.

Mr. Tubbs served four years as a correspondent in the Southwest Pacific, the European Theater, and Max Johnson, former AFRO troops in Japan, China and Korea. Ribbon and War Department Certificate of Commendation by Lt. He was previously awarded the Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Pacific Southwest Theatre rib-



**Afro-American Baltimore, Md**  
**MERITORIOUS SERVICE**—Lieut. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, commander of Second Army Headquarters, pins a citation ribbon on Vincent Tubbs, editor of the Baltimore AFRO, for courageous and outstanding coverage of World War II as a correspondent. Mr. Tubbs served in both the European and Pacific Theatres, covered occupation troops in Japan and China and toured Africa with a State Department sponsored group studying colonial problems. 30.4-19-47

Mr. Johnson covered the activities of troops in Italy and Southern France. The commendations read: "The War Department expresses its appreciation for patriotic service, for outstanding and conspicuous service as accredited war correspondents serving with our Armed Forces in an overseas theater of combat."

## "Pops" Beckett Gets Distinguished Award

Saturday, June 14, marked a great day in W.H.J. (Pop) Beckett's life as he received the Tarbell Medallion award at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. Pop became the only member of his race to receive

the high award from Springfield. First presented in 1934, the Tarbell Medallion was founded by the gift of the late Edward Tarbell, class of '89, who directed that the medallion should be given to Alumni who, in addition to eminence in their profession, have also maintained active interest and notable support of Springfield College.



by "Pop's" extraordinary career at Sumner High School. "Pop" was the first Negro to receive a degree in Physical education at Springfield and in the United States. Now he is the first of his race to receive this honored award from his Alma Mater. Fri. 6-27-47

Following his graduation at Springfield "Pop" went to the U. of Pennsylvania for graduate study. During his brilliant career "Pop" coached Howard Drew the first of many famed Negro athletes to make the Olympics. "Pop" has also received the Silver Beaver award for outstanding work in the Boy Scouts. This is the Scouts' highest award. Fri. 6-27-47

Springfield remembers its alumnus, too for his versatility as a piano player and singer, and as the sponsor of more than six St. Louis students who have come to Springfield for their education.

## Hats Off!

to Leona M. Baker, member of the Sydenham Hospital nursing staff, who has been awarded the

Isabel Hampton Robb scholarship for advanced study in nursing. The award of \$400 is given annually on a nationwide, competitive basis to the nurse who stands highest in "personality, character, education and professional experience."

Mutual Broadcasting System. Bing Crosby repeated as the nation's number one figure; Frank Sinatra was third. Mrs. Roosevelt finished eighth with General of the Army Eisenhower ninth and General Douglas MacArthur, tenth. A total of 278,000 votes were cast.

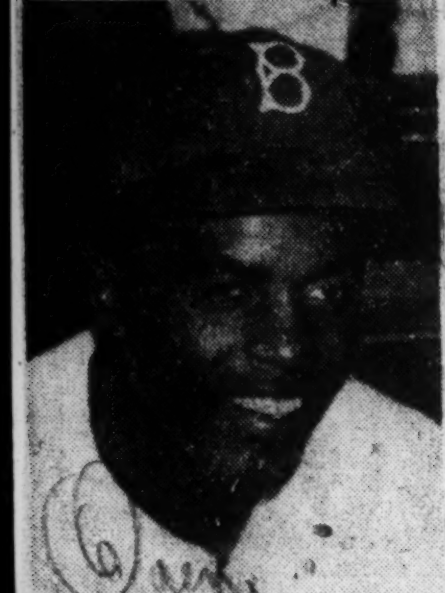
**Jackie Robinson Is Second Most Popular American in Air Poll**  
HOLLYWOOD, Cal. Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman, was named the second most popular American in a radio poll conducted by Jimmie Fidler, movie reporter, on

Stephen S. Wise; Michael Mann, secretary-treasurer, Chicago Industrial Union Council; CIO; Emil Rieve, president, CIO Textile Union of America; Walter P. Reuther, president, CIO Automobile Workers Union; CIO Potofsky, president, CIO Clothing Workers of America. Sat. 6-22-47

**Dr. Johnson Among 6 to Win CIO Award**  
WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, was one of six citizens receiving the annual award of the CIO for outstanding contributions in the field of race relations. It was announced Feb. 13. Other recipients were Rabbi



## Outstanding Father



*sat. 6-14-47*  
New Orleans, La.  
New York, June 10 (ANP)—

Jackie Robinson, the new and sensational first-sacker of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been selected as the outstanding "Negro Father of the Year," according to a report released by the National Father's Day committee here last week.

Jackie, the only Negro selected by the committee, ranks as one of 10 outstanding fathers of 1947 chosen. The others are, in their numerical order; Warren R. Austin, Babe Ruth, Bob Hope, Frederick March, Edgar Bergen, Irving Berlin, George C. Marshall, Eric Johnson, and last place selection, Arthur H. Vandenberg.

*Hats Off!*  
New York, N.Y.



Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, who is marking her 30th year of active service as a graduate nurse and as a crusader for full professional status for the Negro nurse in America, has received the Mary Mahoney Award for distinguished service in nursing for 1947. For her outstanding service to her profession and her community, PM says:

*Hats Off!* *Des. 9-22-47*

## Kate Smith And Scientist Cited For Tolerance

*Michigan Chronicle*  
Detroit, Michigan  
*sat. 6-14-47*

CHICAGO—Kate Smith, the radio singer, and Dr. Florence Reno Sabin, prominent medical scientist, received citations here Monday for their contributions to interracial harmony.

The award was made to Dr. Sabin—one of the world's great humanitarians—for her efforts to improve the health and welfare of "all peoples, without regard to race, nationality, religion, social or economic background."

Miss Smith was praised as "a spokesman for human rights" who has "used her talents through radio to develop better understanding among the people."

The awards were made at the 1947 American Brotherhood Arts and Sciences luncheon.

## Mrs. Mabel Staupers Gets Mahoney Award

*Journal & Guide*  
Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers is the 1947 recipient of the Mary Mahoney Award for distinguished service, most coveted honor in the nursing profession, awarded annually by the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Mrs. Staupers for thirty years has been active as a graduate nurse and crusader for full professional status for the Negro nurses.

The NACGN was started in 1908. In 1934 the NACGN elected its first executive secretary and abandoned its voluntary basis of operation. This new executive secretary was Mrs. Staupers, who undertook to organize a headquarters project and a program for the association.

EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH  
After ten years membership had grown to nearly 2,000, Negro nurses had been better integrated into all branches of the profession and were being trained on an equal basis with white nurses in many public and private hospitals.

Army and Navy discriminatory barriers against Negro nurses were made somewhat more liberal. Starting with a quota of 65, at the end of the war the number of Negro nurses with officer rank had reached 590 and for the first time a few were graded as ensigns in the Navy.

There were more than 2,000 cadets in the Nurses Training Corps at Columbia, Yale, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., and the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

The greatest gains were found in New York City with over 300 Negro nurses in the department of health as a result of civil service examinations, with a proportionate number serving as supervisors. In that city's department of hospitals, over a thousand Negro nurses serve as staff nurses, head nurses, administrators, supervisors, and instructors.

HISTORY OF MEDAL  
Mrs. Staupers served the NACGN twelve years, until 1946. The award was presented at the first post-war biennial convention held here at Clark College.

Mary Mahoney, for whom the medal was named, was the first

Negro woman to graduate from a professional school of nursing (in 1879). She was trained at the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Staupers cited as one of the signs of progress the admission of Negro nurses to membership in state branches of the American Nurses' Association of seven southern states.

She is credited with founding the first community tuberculosis health center in Harlem, Harlem's first dental clinic, many rural health programs in the South, and community programs for youth and the aged.

HELPS THE AGED  
Mrs. Staupers' immediate project is the promotion of the 75th anniversary of St. Phillip's Home for the Aged in Manhattan (New York City). This institution is interracial and the only home for the aged in Manhattan that accepts Negroes.

She is a member of the new planning committee of the Citizens Planning Council of Harlem, appointed by Mayor O'Dwyer, the Interracial and Interfaith Fellowship of Greater New York, YWCA, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, National Federation of Business and Professional Women, the Harlem Peoples' Committee, and St. Phillip's Church.

## Fisk Prexy and Miss Sara Southall Receive CIO Race Relations Awards

WASHINGTON. —(ANP)— Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk university, was one of three to receive a CIO citation here last week for "contributions to the furtherage of political and economic democracy in the field of race relations."

Also cited were Miss Sara E. Southall, assistant personnel manager of the International Harvester company, and Michael Mann, CIO Regional director of Illinois and executive secretary of the Chicago Industrial Union council. A few of Dr. Johnson's achievements in the field of race relations were cited by George L.P. Weaver, director of the National CIO Committee to Abolish discrimination.

Miss Southall was honored for contributions toward integrating minority groups into the war effort, said James B. Carey, CIO secretary treasurer and chairman of its committee to abolish discrimination. During the war, Miss Southall was a member of the FEPC.

"I can think of no greater contribution that anyone can make to society than to help achieve dignity and justice to all regardless of racial origin, creed or color,"

said Mann. "If more energy were poured into the job of giving all our citizens equal opportunity and less to depriving us of our basic rights, America would be a happier nation and stand as a true symbol of democracy, and a shining example for the rest of the world to follow."

Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, was guest speaker, and Willard S. Townsend, president of the United Transport Service Employees of America, was toastmaster. Previous recipients of the CIO award include the Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jack Kroll and Granger.

The committee to abolish discrimination was established several years ago by Philip Murray, CIO president, and the CIO Executive board, in order to combat intolerance and discrimination.

JESSE THOMAS HONORED  
WASHINGTON (ANP)— New York's Harvard Club has extended to Jesse O. Thomas, Red Cross official, two weeks' club privileges to



TRIBUTE—In the presence of Secretary of State George C. Marshall (left), former Army Chief of Staff, James McIntosh, 64, of 244 Third St., N.W., Washington, receives an official Army Certificate of Appreciation from General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, present chief of staff, in the Pentagon Building, Washington. Messenger to Chief of Staff since 1917, Mr. McIntosh retired on Oct. 31. Every Chief of Staff since Gen. Peyton C. March expressed gratitude to him for his services.

honored Sunday at the Senaleman, executive secretary of the branch YMCA, Indianapolis, for Gary, Urban League, attended with his contribution to human relations.

White Editor Wins Award  
Gary—H. B. Snyder, editor of the Gary Post-Tribune and president of the Board of Directors of the local Urban League, was medal was awarded. Joseph Chap-



# Atlanta School Of Social Work Blind Grad Wins Coveted Medal

*6 p.m. Daily World Atlanta, Ga.*  
**Jul. 1-7-47**  
**American Blind Foundation Honors**

## Outstanding Work Of Detroy Brooks

Alfred Detroy Brooks, formerly of Langston, Oklahoma and 1825 Illinois Street, Jacksonville, Florida, is this year's recipient of the Capt. Charles W. Brown Memorial Medal, according to an announcement made today by Dr. R. B. Irwin, Executive Director of the American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York. The Captain Brown Medal goes annually to the blind scholarship student of the American Foundation for the Blind "whose work during the past year has shown the greatest intellectual achievement."

Mr. Brooks received his Master's degree last Spring from Atlanta University School of Social Work. He is graduate of Langston University in Oklahoma and is now employed on the staff of the Florida Council for the Blind in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Brooks is a Negro, twenty-eight years old and was the first blind student to attend the Atlanta School of Social Work. He is married and his wife served in the Waves during the war.

The award was established in 1929 by Mr. W. C. Migel, former President of the American Foundation for the Blind and now Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in memory of the late Capt. Charles W. Brown, former President of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, an early Trustee of the American Foundation for the Blind.

## LAUREL WREATH AWARD GIVEN

### ATTY. RANSOM

*Birmingham, Ala.*  
**Sat. 1-11-47**  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 10 (NNPA)—Leon A. Ransom, attorney and militant champion of civil rights who acted as chief counsel attorney in the Columbia, Tennessee, race riot trials, was nominated for the 1947 Laurel Wreath Award of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity as the Kappas' closer their 36th annual Grand Chapter meeting here last Tuesday.

A resolution calling for the prosecution of a workable housing program for veterans, another praising the United Nations Organization for its action with reference to minority group members and still another calling on President Truman and Attorney General Tom C. Clark to bring the Monroe, Georgia, lynchings to justice were passed by the Kappa men.

## WALLACE BEWAILS PERILS TO FREEDOM

*New York, N.Y.*  
**Holds Public Is at Fault in the 'Elimination' of Liberals in**

**Press and Radio**

**Jul. 1-7-47**

Henry A. Wallace, former Secretary of Commerce, expressed concern last night at what he described as the failure of people to exercise their freedom.

Accepting a public affairs achievement award at the annual Page One Ball of the Newspaper Guild of New York, the new editor of The New Republic indicated that the public was responsible for the recent "elimination" of liberal newspaper men and commentators.

Although, in the long run, people will never be against the liberal cause, he said, "in the short run they may be mighty slow catching on, especially if those of us who are in position to discern the trend of the times don't help."

Abolishing publishers and advertisers "for following the cash register returns," Mr. Wallace asserted the working newspaper man must question "whose freedom of the press is it?"

## Says People Must Know Truth

"The supreme freedom is the freedom of the people to know the truth," he continued. "Today in the United States the people have that freedom but they are not exercising it because they have not cared enough for liberal commentators, liberal columnists and liberal newspapers to support them vigorously. A half-used freedom can-

not be stored away indefinitely."

He expressed the hope that the guild would fight for adequate wages, job security, a fair attitude toward management, freedom of the press, "and above all the freedom of the public to know the truth."

"For the peace and prosperity of the world," he added, "it is more important for the public to know the liberal truth than the reactionary truth. Perhaps some day all of us will be strong enough to stand the real truth."

Warning that when "post-war inflation comes to an end, newspaper management often has to take very drastic action in order to survive," he asked for help for management to survive with a minimum of damage to the wage structure and job security.

Mr. Wallace reaffirmed his faith in the "potential destiny of an active press," asserting it can mean more for peace than the diplomats and can contribute more to education than the universities.

## Others Receive Awards

Benjamin A. Cohen, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of the United Nations Department of Public Information, accepted another award on behalf of Secretary General Trygve Lie. A third award, voted posthumously to Sidney Hillman, chairman of the Political Action Committee, was accepted by his widow.

Of the other twenty-eight award recipients, the following appeared: John Hersey for his report on Hiroshima; Herman Levin, coproducer of "Call Me Mister;" Theodore White and Ann Lee Jacoby, authors of "Thunder Out of China;" Samuel Goldwyn, producer of "The Best Years of Our Lives;" William B. Lewis, creator of the radio show "Superman;" Joe Louis, boxing champion; Myrll Frost, Dartmouth football star for his comeback despite war injuries; Pearl Primus, dancer; Jimmy Savo, comedian; Marc Blitzstein, for his "Airborne Symphony;" Camilla Williams, singer, and Henry Morgan, radio comedian.

More than 3,000 attended in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The music for dancing was by Eddie Condon, Bob Wilbur's Wildcats and Cootie Williams.

*New York, N.Y.*  
**Hats Off!**  
To Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, for breaking baseball's tacit ban on Negro players in signing Jackie Robinson



*Daily Worker*  
**Tolerance Award for Sinatra:** Singer Frank Sinatra, shown here greeted by fans at LaGuardia Airport, was one of 10 recipients of the Thomas Jefferson award from the Council Against Intolerance last night. Others cited at a Waldorf-Astoria dinner included Dr. Harlow Shapley, Margaret Halsey, Ruth Benedict, John Roy Carlson, Gene Weltfish and Drew Pearson.



*New York, N.Y.*  
Ulysses Kay has been named winner of the third annual George Gershwin Memorial Contest along with Earl George. Mr. Kay's winning composition, A Short Overture, will be played by the City

## Negro Waiter Honored By New Orleans Club

*NEW ORLEANS, May 15 (AP)—*

The Boston Club, the South's oldest social organization, has a new bronze plaque in its lobby. It's the only plaque in the club.

On it is inscribed a tribute to William Harris, veteran Negro waiter, who last week completed 50 years' service to the organization. Above the inscription is the likeness of the aged Harris, done by Angela Gregory, New Orleans sculptor.

The plaque was unveiled at the club's 106th anniversary dinner, when a gold medal was presented to Harris by George Westfeldt, president.

Judge W. W. Westerfield was toastmaster at the dinner, but there was only one speaker. He was Harris.

*Man 8-14-47*

*John Roy Carlson, author of The Plotters; Dr. Harlow S. Shapley, astronomer; Dr. Ruth Benedict, anthropologist; Gene Weltfish, co-author of The Races of Mankind; Dr. Home P. Rainey, president of Stephens College; Michael J. Lono, steelworker of Gary, Ind.; Rev. W. Sherman Burdette, creator of Cary, Ind.; Mar-goyne, Hood River Ore; Drew Pearson, columnist.*

## Respect View Of Others

*New York, N.Y.*  
**Sinatra Asks**  
**Mon. 4-14-47**

"As long as there is more than one man, more than one race and more than one creed, there will be more than one idea . . ."

A young man was talking, a trim young man in a well-modulated voice. "You can't have war," he said "where there is a real respect for what the other fellow believes."

He was a young man commonly alluded to as The Voice. Only Frank Sinatra wasn't giving out on this occasion for the bobby soxers. He was explaining his beliefs about racial unity and tolerance.

He spoke last night at the Waldorf before a Thomas Jefferson Dinner audience after receiving an award from the Council Against Intolerance for aiding the promotion of democracy. He made no allusion to the recent show of





**DR. F. H. DEDMOND**  
**STUDY AT HOPKINS**—Three Morgan State College professors are attending Johns Hopkins University, through awards of doctoral courtesy fellowships, setting a precedent at the Baltimore school. In addition to the two pictured above, Dr. Charlotte E. Crawford is also enrolled.

## First Morgan Professors Study at Johns Hopkins

*Also American Baltimore, Md.*  
**BALTIMORE** Three Morgan State College professors are attending Johns Hopkins University through awards of Doctoral Courtesy Fellowships. *Sat. 5-10-47*  
 The fellowships represent courtesies extended to holders of Ph.D. degrees, allowing them to attend classes and lectures, although no credits are attached. Current awards terminate in June.

**Awards Set Precedent**  
 Setting the precedent at Johns Hopkins are Dr. Alexander J. Walker of the political science department at Morgan; Dr. Charlotte E. Crawford, head of the department of English; and Dr. Frederick H. Dedmond, head of the department of romance languages.

Dr. Crawford, former teacher of English at Dillard University, earned her Ph.D. degree at Yale University and the Master of Arts degree at Wellesley College.

Dr. Walker received his doctorate from the University of Iowa and was head of the social science department at Langston University; while Dr. Dedmond, recipient of the doctorate from the University of Ottawa in Canada, formerly taught at Delaware State College.

*New York*  
**WALTER WINCHELL**, radio commentator, and journalist, was

awarded last Sunday the 1947 Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Brotherhood medal by a group of Negro clergymen. The award, presented by a three-man delegation of the interdenominational ministers meeting of Greater New York, constituted an acknowledgement of Winchell's "excellent work through the press and on the air," as "indomitable champion in the cause of world peace," and "radio's greatest and most forceful preacher of human brotherhood."

*Birmingham, Ala.*  
 The ministers represent the oldest organization of its kind in the East, composed principally of the Negro Protestant clergy of the five boroughs as far as Jersey.

**COLUMNIST WINS FIRST HUGO HEYDORN AWARD**  
*Also American Baltimore, Md.*

**NEW YORK**—Miss Carrie Miller, NYU and Fordham University graduate and newspaper columnist, recently won the first annual award presented by Hugo Heydorn, real estate and patron of the arts of Long Island.



**OLE TIMERS AWARD**—Bob Montgomery, left, lightweight champion, receives award for the best professional fighter, from Jack Callahan, well known Philly fight fan and sportsman, at the Ole Timers' Banquet Saturday at Christian St. YMCA. Other awards went to outstanding amateur and professional athletes.

## JEWS HONOR COOK:

# Presented Wood Medal for Feeding 623 DP's

*Also American Baltimore, Md.*  
**NEW YORK**—Walter R. Cushenberry, a professional cook and only colored crew member in charge of the galley on the S.S. Ben Hecht, which was caught by the British smuggling 623 Jews into Palestine, is the proud possessor of precious memento—a hand-cut, olive-wood medal—a gift from crew members and passengers.

The dramatic story of Cushenberry's services to the crew and freedom-loving passengers (for which he was not paid), was told here recently by his shipmates at headquarters of the American League for a Free Palestine.

A native of Mayfield (Ky.), where his sisters, brothers and an aunt reside, he was persuaded to take the hazardous job by a former skipper and friend while waiting at the Seamen's Church Institute to land a berth on a regular ship.

**Aids Passengers**

He was hired to feed the 22-man crew, but promptly took over the extra chore of feeding the passengers, too, when their own system of rations broke down on the voyage through the Mediterranean. *SAT. 5-24-47*

He worked in the galley from 6 a.m. to midnight, and, when the bread gave out, he got up even earlier to bake more.

## Outwitted British

Cushenberry said he felt no bitterness about his arrest and imprisonment when the British boarded the Ben Hecht outside territorial waters off Tel Aviv. He declared:

"They came on and just gave me orders, and told me to proceed with my work. The truth is, that when they came on, I took my keys and opened everything I could and loaded the passengers with it."

"I didn't want the British to have all the food. The passengers needed it. It was there for them and they got it." Cushenberry credited what he did to the democratic teachings of the National Maritime Union of which he is a member. *Sat. 5-24-47*

## Howard Professor Gets Hampton Award



*Also American Baltimore, Md.*  
**DR. ARTHUR H. DAVIS**, professor of English and journalism at Howard University, Washington, D. C., was presented the National Hampton Alumni Award by President Ralph P. Bridgman of Hampton Institute on Monday at the annual commencement exercises of the institution. Dr. Davis is widely read as a columnist of the Journal and Guide. *SAT. 6-7-47*



**WINNER—Joseph D. Aikin Jr.**, Morehouse College sophomore, produced the oil painting "Solitude," which received the \$100 Purchase Award for having polled the largest number of votes at Atlanta University's annual art exhibit. *Mon. 5-17-47*

## Explorers Honor Matthew Henson

**NEW YORK**—Matthew Henson, Peary and four Eskimos on the final lap to the pole, he told the assembly. *SAT. 6-7-47*  
 He actually reached the North Pole before the other members because he was sent ahead to break the trail for Admiral Peary.

the event, last Tuesday. Only his expertness as a dog-driving on a sled.

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BOYS' TOWN EXECUTIVES--MAYOR TOM CARODINE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOYS' TOWN CITY COUNCIL IN NEBRASKA VISIT THE OFFICE OF THE REV. MSGR. EDWARD FLANAGAN, FOUNDER OF THE COMMUNITY. THE 18-YEAR-OLD MAYOR OF THE MIXED COMMUNITY CAME TO BOYS' TOWN IN 1942. SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN A TOP ATHLETE AND PROMOTED INTER-RACIAL GOODWILL. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE PETE WARREN, CARODINE, FATHER FLANAGAN, ERNEST ROMERO AND JAKE WILLIAMS.

# Joe Tops Jackie in AFRO's Popularity Contest

A final tabulation of the hundreds of letters received in the AFRO's Jackie Robinson-Joe Louis popularity contest revealed that a majority, or 54 per cent of those participating believed that Joe

Louis was the more popular of the two athletes.

Thirty-four per cent of those who submitted entries in the contest picked the Brooklyn Dodgers' ace first baseman, Jackie Robinson, while a total of 12 per cent could make no choice between the two. An oddity of the contest was the fact that of the four prize winners, three of them are women,

reflecting a growing interest on the part of the weaker sex in sports activities.

The first prize went to Mordecai Walker, a student at Tennessee State College, Nashville. He will be given an all-expense paid trip by Eastern Airlines to New York and a \$30 ringside ticket to the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott championship fight at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 5.

## Wins Second Prize

Second prize winner was Miss Valerie Parks of 2442 Nichols Ave., S.E., Washington, who will be given a \$30 ringside seat ticket to the Louis-Walcott fight. Third and fourth prize winners, among them, will be given \$20 mezzanine tickets to the same fight were Mrs. Louis is the more popular. Miss Parks, the second prize winner, who also picks Joe, said: "Let's weigh-in two great athletes: 'Joe Louis (has) a. Many years of successful defense of his crown. b. Year-round public interest

number of people. If this definition is true, I don't think Jackie has a possible chance. Joe is known the world over. Jackie is only a hero in the baseball world, and mostly because he was the first of his race to play in the big leagues. present, confident future. "Jackie Robinson (has) a. More recent publicity due to his stellar performance in the World Series. b. The distinction of being the first of his race admitted to big league baseball. c. Eight team-mates to support his performances. d. Laurels for outstanding and intelligent baseball, but no crown as king of the diamond. e. Successful present, promising future. "The scales say: Would Slide to Victory If a popularity poll were taken, I believe Joe Louis would slide to victory, with Jackie giving him a tense moment by catching the popularity ball, a split second too late to put Joe out at first base. Mrs. Chosing Jackie Robinson. Mrs. McDonald, the third prize winner, wrote: "Jackie Robinson is the most popular athlete now; because, he was willing to be a 'pioneer' in the baseball world, enduring all the hardships and disadvantages any pioneer has to endure when opening up a trail for others to follow. He is a living model for our boys and girls to follow; because (1) being willing to get an education; (2) getting experience in some special field; (3) enduring the disadvantages and hardships while in training; (4) being determined to make good; and (5) aiming for the first place of honor. "By following five simple rules, members of our race can prove to the world that we can and will make good if given an opportunity to prove ourselves. "The trail in Joe Louis's field was already opened." Writes Fourth Prize Winner, Mrs. Waddell of Tuskegee: "Jackie Robinson—now, tomorrow and the day after—is America's most popular athlete. During the World Series, all over the na-

tion ears were glued to the recelving sets as Jackie stole bases. "Even though I admire Joe tremendously, he never made me feel this way. But Jackie has converted a nation. "Cool, intelligent, daring Jackie Robinson has me (a woman) talking, and when he got one in there, the crowd went wild. "Brooklyn is now our teaming the series, was in New York with thousands of other hearts, pulling, pulling, pulling. Out team was fighting. A world was hoping for a victory in the Brook-

Has Converted Nation it is! Millions of fans keep saying 'Come on, Jackie!' Popularity? Oh, but the crowd went wild. "Brooklyn is now our teaming the series, was in New York with thousands of other hearts, pulling, pulling, pulling. Out team was fighting. A world was hoping for a victory in the Brook-



lyn camp. Yes, it's Jackie Robinson, all the way."

Several other letters drew 'honorable mention' from the board of AFRO editors, who served as judges of the contest. These included entries from William Waters, Camden, N.J.; Carl D. Willis, Boston; W. H. Clark, Detroit; Louis J. Johnson, Washington; G. D. Hill, Richmond;

Also William Gilmore, Spartanburg, S.C.; Mrs. Lena Tilghman, Linwood, Pa.; John E. Roberts, NYC; Mrs. Lavenia J. Martin, Washington; C. C. Hill, Anthony, Fla.; and Wilbur Jones, Cincinnati.

#### Would Vote Twice

"If it were possible to vote twice for someone, I would vote twice—once for Joe and once for Jackie," wrote Mrs. Tilghman. "Jackie leads his league in stolen bases, but he is not the champion base stealer," insists Det. John E. Roberts of New York City, in picking Joe.

Mrs. Lavenia J. Martin of Washington points out, "Jackie has yet to prove that he can lose as well as win and still smile." "Had Joe failed, Rickey may never have given Jackie his chance," argues Mrs. C. C. Hill of Anthony, Fla. "It's Jackie three to one," said Wilbur Jones of Cincinnati. "Jackie has all of the personal qualities that Joe possesses," say William Waters of Camden, N.J., "but his emergence as a public figure is of too recent vintage to compare him with a man who has proven himself worthy over a period of years."

#### Joe a Beacon Light

Carl D. Willis, secretary to Boston's Mayor John D. Hines, writes: "In all the dark and muddled dealings in boxing, Joe is a beacon light, standing for all that is good in his profession."

"Louis's high morals have done much to pave the way for Jackie," insists Louis J. Johnson of Washington.

"Joe has been knocking down the best men available for years to gain his popularity," says W. H. Clark, Detroit, who manages the Prairie View Coeds, "while Jackie has been knocking a baseball around only for a few months."

"There was a way paved for Joe, while Jackie has been forced to cut his own path," says William Gilmore of Spartanburg, S.C. "Joe is the sole batter and pitcher for his side in every game," points out G. D. Hill of Richmond.

**2 Civilian Army  
African American  
Workers Honored**  
Baltimore, Md.  
Meritorious Service,

#### Idea Awards Received

WASHINGTON

Two colored civilian employees of the War Department were among seven employees recently presented citations by Col. Clifford V. Morgan, deputy post commander, of Walter Reed General Hospital here.

They were Jesse Holman, 715 Euclid St., N.W., given the Meritorious Service Award; and Samuel R. Wilkerson, 115 Sixteenth St., N.W., who was presented \$10 for his suggestion regarding the use of window screen holders.

#### Rendered "Faithful Service"

Mr. Holman, a hospital general mechanic since 1934, was cited for having rendered "exceptionally faithful service" during World War II, to assist the medical department in carrying out its mission with outstanding success.

Mr. Wilkerson, who has been an employee of the Army Medical Center for 17 years, suggested a screen holding device which saves the center at least \$200 per year through cutting down damage to screens.



**THIRD**—Mrs. Mabel Gaines McDonald won third prize with her letter on the AFRO's contest question, "Which is America's most popular athlete, Joe Louis or Jackie Robinson?" She lives at 1217 Mosher St. in Baltimore.



**RUNNER UP**—Second prize-winner in the AFRO's "most popular athlete" contest was Miss Valerie E. Parks of 2442 Nichols Ave., S.E., in Washington.



**HAPPY**—Mrs. Lottie Y. Waddell, wife of Dr. William H. Waddell, veterinarian, of Tuskegee Institute, won fourth prize in the AFRO's contest on the question, "Which is America's most popular athlete, Joe Louis or Jackie Robinson?"



**BOYS TOWN EXECUTIVES**—Mayor Tom Carodine (second from left) and members of the Boys Town city council visit the office of the Rev. Msgr. Edward Flanagan, founder of the famed boys' community. Eighteen years old, the mayor of the predominantly white town, came to Boys Town in 1942. Since then he has become a top athlete and student as well as mayor. From left: Pete Warren, Mayor Carodine, Father Flanagan, Ernest Romero and Jake Williams.



## Poet, Author Get Guggenheim Grant

NEW YORK—Miss Gwendolyn Brooks, Chicago, author of "A Street in Bronzeville," and Miss Shirley Graham, New York, writer of the "Heroic Story of Frederick Douglass," were among the 122 persons who were awarded Guggenheim Fellowships recently for further work in their respective fields. SAT. 4-19-47

The foundation, which was established in 1925, by the late U.S. Senator Guggenheim and his wife, is designed to assist artists and scholars of high quality to further their work in any field of knowledge and in any branch of art.

The fellowships are awarded for varying periods, long or short, depending upon the necessities of the work which the recipient has in mind. They are granted to men and women, married or single, without distinction of race, color or creed. SAT. 4-19-47



## A Deserved Award

*Black Dispatch*

One rainy night in the fall of 1944, a representative of the Urban League drifted into the Black Dispatch office in a state of total despair. The young man, W. Y. Bell, of Atlanta, Ga., had spent about two weeks in Oklahoma City attempting to interest citizens in setting up a unit of his organization; but, said he to the writer, "I've given up. I can't see daylight. I have gotten absolutely no response from the white community, and we cannot launch an Urban League program here unless we form an interracial sponsoring committee."

After talking a few moments with this very disconsolate young man we ventured a suggestion. We told him we knew a lady whom we could contact that night, and under the auspices she would offer, secure the type of sponsoring committee Mr. Bell had decided was an impossibility in Oklahoma City. *Oklahoma, Oklahoma.*

We turned to the telephone and called Miss Vilona Cutler, present secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, who quite recently and deservedly has become the recipient of the Hearn Social Action Award, and to this little dynamo of social energy we poured out our troubles.

Without a moment's hesitation, Miss Cutler said, "Yes, indeed, I'll assist in whatever. We need that type of organization in our community. Have Mr. Bell to come down to see me tomorrow and I will immediately begin work on assembling persons together who are liberal-minded and interested in this type of effort." *Sat. 11-15-47*

That was the beginning of the Urban League in Oklahoma City, just as Miss Cutler has been the stimulus and the unrelenting urge behind most of the social welfare work in Oklahoma City for the past eleven years. Quiet, unassuming, but with determination to develop better race relationships in Oklahoma City, Miss Cutler has unquestionably made a useful dent in Sooner capital life. Just as she immediately plunged into Urban League work, the winner of the Hearn award has catapulted herself into almost every worthy and forward movement in this community since her arrival in this city. *Black Dispatch*

We recall back in 1941 when bigotry and hatred would not permit the union of white and black youths in a parliamentary forum, that the YWCA supplied the only auditorium in Oklahoma City where this very democratic group could meet. It took a great deal of moral courage to take issue with Oklahoma's Little Dies Committee and the American Legion which did not stop until they had driven one prominent Oklahoma City white minister and several University of Oklahoma professors out of the state because of their relationship to the Oklahoma Youth Legislature and the Oklahoma Federation for Constitutional Rights; but it was during this period of social chaos that the little lady we today eulogize, quietly decided that the YWCA would be a haven of refuge for democratic action.

Shortly following her arrival in the city, Miss Cutler sought to organize an interracial commission, and a number of meetings were held at the "Y" for this purpose. This effort had short organic life, but the spiritual effect of that effort evidences itself today in many ways. It was in fact the beginning of interracial team work in this community as expressed today in the YMCA, YWCA, Urban League and the Community Chest. That ill-starred effort put the two races on speaking acquaintance with one another in Oklahoma City. *Oklahoma, Oklahoma.*

The crowning achievement, however, of Miss Cutler in interracial work was accomplished when out of the abandoned Stiles Street USO she salvaged the YWCA Recreational Center, where hundreds of young people very week find wholesome pleasure and helpful assistance in a refined atmosphere. It is most inspiring to visit the two full floors in the center and note the unusual type of useful service being rendered to the younger generation. Through Miss Cutler's efforts the Center is now supported by the Community Chest. *Sat. 11-15-47*

But interracial work is but a small part of the labors of this unselfish public servant. In addition to the tasks we have nominated above, and which are her handiwork, Miss Cutler finds time also to be chairman of the Oklahoma chapter of American Association of Social Work, committee-woman of the National Conference of Social Workers, member of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Social Welfare Association and the Oklahoma City Council of Social Agencies; a member of the Children's Code Commission and the National Council of Student Christian Association, and is on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma social work graduate school.

The Norma and Murray Hearn Award was offered for the first time this year by the alumni association of the New York School of Social Work. Candidates were selected on the basis of their activity in fostering movements designed to raise the economic level of broad social groups; improving conditions of groups suffering from particular disadvantages; education for and improvement of standards of welfare, housing, and health; and for other contributions effective in social reforms and democratic goals.

The Black Dispatch knows of no individual in America more fitted for this deserved honor that has come to Miss Cutler. In this hour of world change there is need for great leaders such as this very fine woman, to lift the world to higher moral ground and ideal social relationships.





**JAMES J. HOEY AWARDS** for interracial justice, made annually by the Catholic Interracial Council to a Negro and white Catholic layman, were presented Clarence T. Hunter, far left, president, Catholic Interracial Council, St. Louis and principal of Hanneker School, and Julian Reiss, far right, member New York Commission Against Discrimination from 1945 to 1947. Presentation was made in New York by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Walsh, president, New Rochelle College, representing Cardinal Spellman. Mrs. Hoey is also shown.—Photo by De Mille.

## Catholic Council Makes Two Interracial Awards

**NEW YORK**—(Special)—Clarence T. Hunter, president of the Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis, and Julian J. Reiss, former member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, have been named by the Catholic Interracial Council to receive the James J. Hoey Awards for 1947 in recognition of their "outstanding contribution to the cause of interracial justice during the past year." *Oct. 11-15-47*

The silver medals representing the awards were presented at the Carroll Club here.

Speakers were the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., editor of America, and chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council; Charles A. Birmingham, president of the council, and Elmer A. Carter, member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination and former editor of Opportunity, a journal of Negro life.

## Catholic Organization Lauded As Hoey Awards Are Presented

*James J. Hoey*  
*Reiss, Jr.*  
By PATRICIA McGEER

**NEW YORK**—One of the most potent forces in the fight for democracy and against communism is the Catholic Interracial Council, according to Commissioner Elmer A. Carter of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, who spoke at the presentation of the James J. Hoey awards for Interracial Justice at the Carroll Club in New York, Sunday, Oct. 26. *Oct. 11-15-47*

The 1947 awards went to Clarence T. Hunter, president of the Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis and principal of Banneker School, and Julian J. Reiss, member of the New York Commission Against Discrimination from 1945 to 1947. Presentation was made by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Walsh, president of the College of New Rochelle, who represented Cardinal Spellman.

"The freedom of America from the blight of communism lies not in laws but in the fulfillment of the ideals of democracy," declared

the age-old teachings of the church on the brotherhood of man. The only problem is that of overcoming our own prejudices, selfishness and greed, which formerly led to the enslavement of the colored race and now prevents their complete emancipation."

Mr. Hunter, in accepting the award, described recent developments in his home town. "The picture has never seemed brighter than today," he explained. "In St. Louis, which is often spoken of as the gateway to the South, all the Catholic diocesan schools, embracing the elementary, secondary, finishing schools and colleges, have opened their doors to Negroes and Negroes are now attending them with a wholesome spirit prevailing. St. Louis Catholics, spearheaded by our Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis and the many priests and sisters, have demonstrated the teachings of Christ on race and color."

New York's law against discrimination was described by Commissioner Reiss as "a valiant start in bringing into realization a fundamental concept of our American way of life."

"It is my sincere conviction," he asserted, "that the wise and prudent administration of this law is achieving the equality of opportunity for which it was enacted."

"New York's example must serve as a guiding light to all other states and to the federal government as well. They must be apprized of the duty they have to initiate similar measures and of the benefits which will accrue if they do so." *11-15-47*

### PRaises TO FOUNDER

The Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., founder of the Interracial Council, was prevented by illness from attending the meeting. Glowing tributes paid to him by the speakers were summed up by Mr. Carter who declared "If I were asked to name the ten greatest men in America at the present time, high on the list would appear the name of Father John LaFarge."

Benjamin T. Crawford, recording secretary of the Council, spoke briefly on the organization's development and pointed out the need for funds for its further expansion.

State Assemblyman, Harold A. Stevens, former president of the Council presided in the absence of Council President Charles A. Birmingham of Boston, who was unable to attend.

### ANTICS BLASTED

Answering critics of anti-discrimination legislation, Mr. Carter declared, "The law against discrimination in New York is no longer a controversial question. It has been and is a success. It has made employers and labor union representatives ashamed to admit that they discriminate, since they know public opinion is against it." In presenting the awards, Msgr. Walsh congratulated the Council and declared, "There is nothing difficult to understand about the Declaration of Independence, which declares that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights. Nor is there any difficulty in understanding



## Cited For Work Daily World As Adviser To Navy Secretary

Thurs. 2-6-47

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA) Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, last Monday received the President's Medal of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious service" as special adviser to the Secretary of the Navy on interracial relations in the naval service.

The presentation of the award the highest given to civilians by the president, was made by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. It was the second award made to Mr. Granger for his service to the Navy Department. Following a 50,000 mile tour of sixty-seven naval establishments in the United States and the Pacific to carry out his assignment, Mr. Granger last summer was given the Distinguished Civilian Service Award by the Navy Department.

The ceremony last Monday took place in the Navy Department headquarters here and was witnessed by top ranking officials of the Navy, including General A. A.

Vandegrift commandant of the United States Marine Corps; Rear Admiral John J. Manning, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Lieutenant Commander John Hope, the only colored officer now on active duty in the Navy.

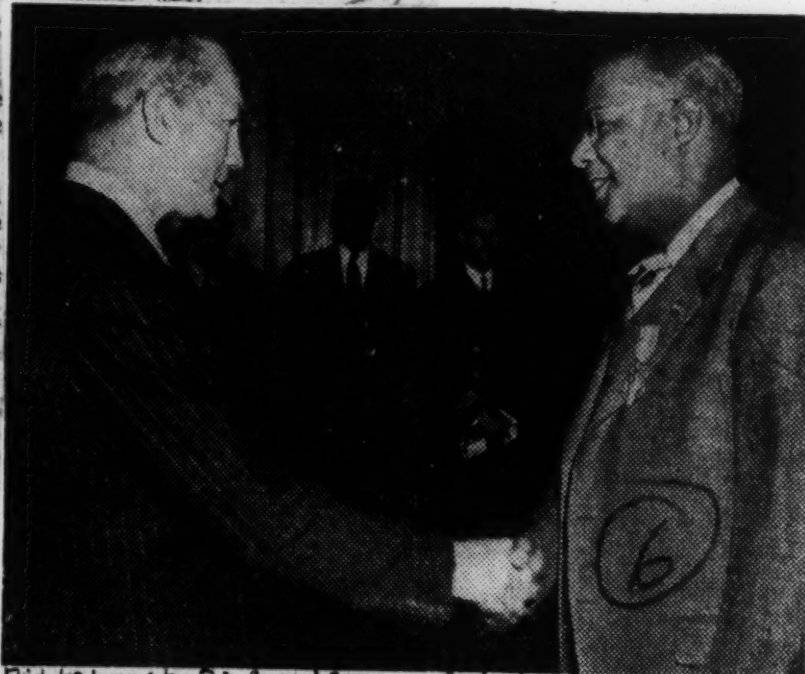
**TRUMAN CITATION**  
President Truman's citation accompanying the award said:

"Mr. Granger, as Special Adviser to the Secretary of the Navy on interracial relations, gave sound and able counsel to the Secretary of the Navy on the utilization of Negro personnel in the Navy. By his fairness of judgment and his straightforward recommendations he contributed more than any other one person, to the effective utilization of Negro personnel in the service. "After an inspection of continental and overseas naval activities, during which his tactful and forthright advice won the respect of men and officers alike, he personally evaluated the position of the Negro in the Navy, suggesting general policies as well as solutions for specific cases."

**BASIS FOR POLICY**  
"His report and recommendations to the Secretary have formed the basis for the Navy's peacetime policy for the utilization of negro personnel which gives every promise of providing a solution to

the problem which will be satisfactory to all concerned.

"Mr. Granger's services were rendered with distinction reflecting credit to the Navy and to the Government of the United States, were outstanding, and contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war."



**Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier Sat. 2-15-47**  
**MEDAL OF MERIT FOR GRANGER**—The President's Medal of Merit was presented to Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, by Secretary of the Navy James B. Forrestal, representing President Truman in the presentation. The award was given for exceptionally meritorious service on Mr. Granger's part, while he was serving as special adviser to the Secretary of the Navy on interracial relations in the naval service.

## Bishop Gregg Gets Army Medal Of Merit

**Sept. 26 - 1947**  
WASHINGTON—(NNPA)—Bishop John A. Gregg, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, was presented the medal for merit by secretary of war Kenneth M. Roy at the Pentagon Building, Thursday for his "outstanding services to the United Nations" during the war.

As an Ambassador of Good Will Bishop Gregg visited colored troops in the Southwest Pacific and European theatres, carrying them religious messages and greetings from the United States. He is the presiding Bishop of the 4th Episcopal District and resides in Kansas City, Kansas. Before his election to the Bishopric in 1942 he served as president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida, from representative of the forty thousand

1913 to 1920 and of Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio from 1920 to 1924.

Among those present at the ceremony were general Luther D. Miller, chief of Army Chaplains, Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, Major John Deveaux, chaplain of the 25th Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia, Dr. A. S. Jackson, financial secretary of the A. M. E. church and James C. Evans, civilian aide to the Secretary of War. The citation accompanying the award read: "Bishop John Andrew Gregg, for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations during the period of the recent war."

**VISITED ALL FRONTS**  
Bishop Gregg visited the battle fronts throughout the world as a

Negro churches and six million members and served as a goodwill ambassador to the fighting forces on all fronts. His unselfish service and devotion to the welfare of our troops is exemplary of the outstanding work accomplished by the religious leaders of this community during the recent conflict. He rallied the support of his race for the prosecution of the war by crystallizing to them many of the issues that came before his people in branches of the service and industrial employment.

Bishop Gregg's interest in assisting the War Department in executing its mission is manifest in the high degree in which his people stand by their own government.

## Navy Awards Lester Granger Civilian Medal For Merit

**Chicago Defender**  
(Defender Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON — Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League will receive the "Medal for Merit," the navy's highest civilian award on Monday, in recognition of his services as special adviser on the utilization of Negro personnel.

The award will be made by Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal in a ceremony at Navy department headquarters. The presentation marks official government recognition of the value of Granger's recommendations based on a 50,000 mile tour of 67 installations in which he visited 10,000 officers and men.

The official citation read in part: "Lester B. Granger for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States. Mr. Granger, as Special Adviser to the Secretary of the Navy on the utilization of Negro personnel in the navy, by his keen observation, his fairness and judgment and his straightforward recommendations, has contributed more than any one person to the effective utilization of Negro personnel in the service."

**Basis of New Policy**  
"His report and recommendations to the secretary have formed the basis for the navy's peacetime policy for the utilization of Negro personnel which gives every promise of providing a solution to the problem which will be satisfactory to all concerned."

Granger undertook the survey in June, 1946, and completed it in November the same year. The purpose of the survey as described by the navy was the result of a desire to learn the effectiveness of the navy's racial policy

## Bishop Gregg Gets Merit Medal

**Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Secretary of War is to present Bishop John A. Gregg with the Medal of Merit, it was announced last week. Arthur W. Allen, aide to the Secretary of War, named the date as Sept. 25. The presentation is to be made in the Pentagon Building in the office of the Secretary of War.

Other Army chaplains present were Gen. Luther D. Miller, Maj. Harold G. Elsam, Maj. Matthew H. Imrie, Maj. William D. Dooley, Maj. John R. Strevig, Maj. Henry Tavel, Col. William J. Moran and Col. Roy H. Parker.

## Truman Merit Award To Rev. Jernagin

**Chicago Defender**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA)—The Rev. William H. Jernagin, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church here, was presented last Thursday the President's Certificate of Merit in recognition of his outstanding services as chairman of the executive board and director of the Washington Bureau of the Fraternal Council of Colored Churches in America.

The basis of the award was his visit to colored army chaplains and soldiers in the Pacific theatre from October 2 to November 25, 1945, which "proved to be an invaluable contribution to the war effort."

## First Nurse To Win The Medal Of Merit

**Chicago Defender**

NEW YORK—Mrs. Elmira Bears Wickendon, executive secretary of the National Nursing Council for War Service from October 1941 to February 1947, has been awarded the Medal for Merit in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the war effort of the United States. Mrs. Wickendon is the first nurse and the third woman in the history of the nation to be so honored.

The Medal for Merit is awarded by the President of the United States to civilians for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the war effort of the United States and of friendly foreign nations."

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**BISHOP GREGG HONORED**—Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall awards the Medal for Merit to the Rt. Rev. John A. Gregg of the AME Church for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations" during the war. Also present are Maj. Gen. Luther D. Miller (left, rear) Army Chief of Chaplains, and James C. Evans, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army.

## Bishop Gregg Presented Army's Medal of Merit

Secretary of War Makes Award at Ceremony  
at Pentagon; Prelate Cited for Morale Work

WASHINGTON

Bishop John A. Gregg of Kansas City was presented the Medal of Merit by the Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall in his office at 5 p.m. Thursday before 38 relatives, friends and Army of-

The AME Church prelate told Secretary Royall that this acceptance of the medal is "one of the crowning events of my life."

Continuing, he stated, "If my country needs me at anytime I will be willing to serve."

Bishop Gregg came to Washington late Monday from Chicago, where he had just held an annual conference, accompanied by his wife, his daughter, Miss Naomi Cherot, cousin; Willie Washington, Pfc. Ronald Washington, Miss Emma Gilbert, New York City, and Mrs. Mable Calhoun, Oakland, Calif.

Crowning Event of Life



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# Dorie Miller Award



*Defender Chicago  
Sat. 11-22-47*

**DORIE MILLER AWARD** for 1947 is presented by Elmer Fowler (right), president of the Dorie Miller Memorial Foundation, to Jackie Robinson for his great contribution to the field of sports in a special presentation ceremony at the Regal theatre, Chicago. Monte Hawley, Hollywood screen star, looks on smiling in the center. The trophy was dedicated recently at Pilgrim Baptist church at the third annual program honoring the memory of Dorie Miller, deceased Pearl Harbor Navy hero.—Calto photo.



# Twelve Named to 1946 Year's Prominent Women Roll Receive Plaudits

*Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier*

*Sat. 4-19-47*

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Twelve American women, selected the democratic way—by public vote—on the merits of their distinguished achievements in the limitless fields of human relations, art, science and social welfare, were honored Sunday at Council House, 1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W., when the National Council of Negro Women paid tribute to the twelve outstanding women of 1946 who had been named to its honor roll. The women were each chosen without regard to national origin, race, color or creed but because each "is a symbol of the character and quality of the service which the womanhood of America and the world is making to bring to early fulfillment rich and abundant living for all people."

Open to the general public for the first time the third annual poll invitation to these women who conducted by the National Council received their awards Sunday at the of Negro Women placed the world reception of which the Metropolitan Council was hostess: "The National Council of Negro Women is a statement made by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president of the council.

Ingrid Bergman, actress of the legitimate stage and of the screen, public affairs have made a notable stand against race discrimination try and their times."

Recognition of the unusual talent of Sculptress Selma Burke who has introduced a new feeling in the field of art, and Mary C. Holliday of Statesville for her contribution to rural life as a Jeanes teacher.

## FAMOUS PITTSBURGER

Mrs. Alma A. Illery of Pittsburgh, Pa., national president and founder of the National Achievement Clubs, Inc., former vice president of the National Council and originator of the George Washington Carver Bill and the George Washington Carver Week, was also high on the list. Mrs. Illery was also on the committee requesting a postage stamp in commemoration of the great scientist, this year.

Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's first lady, who led the spirited attack against South Africa and won official notice of the racial question by the United Nations, was also on the list.

Helen Mills Scarborough of Monrovia, Liberia, rated distinguished recognition as first member of the official cabinet. Georgianna Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., will be honored for her courageous work in the field of human relations.

Venice T. Spraggs of Washington, D. C., for outstanding work in the field of journalism, and Madeline Morgan Stratton of Chicago, Ill., for her work in the field of intercultural education, and Sara Spencer Washington of Atlantic City, N. J., as the outstanding business woman of the year. *Sat. 4-19-47*

# Awarded By Mrs. Bethune

*Chicago, Ill. Defender*

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune last week awarded scrolls of honor to 12 outstanding women chosen for the National Council of Negro Women's 1946 honor roll. *Sat. 4-19-47*

Mrs. Bethune, president of the organization, which recently patched up a dispute with the CIO office workers' union, made the presentations before an interracial gathering of 500 in the council's national headquarters. Five scrolls were awarded in person and seven in absentia.

Background for the presentations was a tea given by the Washington metropolitan council which was presided over by Mrs. Alene Ewell. The citations were read by Mrs. Mayme Mason Higgins, executive director of the council, following which Mrs. Bethune briefly gave a short history of the receiver's achievement.

Those awarded in present were: Miss Selma Burke, New York; Miss Artemesia Bowden, San An-

tonio; Mrs. Mary C. Holliday, Durham, N.C.; Mrs. Alma Illery, Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Venice T. Spraggs, Washington. Awarded in absentia were: Miss Marian Anderson, Mrs. Sara S. Washington, Atlantic City; Mrs. Mary Scarborough, Liberia; Ingrid Bergman, Mrs. Harper Sibley, New York; Madame Pandit of India, and Mrs. Madeline Morgan Stratton, Chicago. *Sat. 4-19-47*



*Chicago Defender, Chicago, Ill. Sat. 4-19-47*  
VENICE T. SPRAGGS, chief of the Washington bureau of the Chicago Defender, receives a scroll of honor from Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women "for her superior work in the release of significant information through the Negro press." Mrs. Spraggs was one of the 10 outstanding women named to the 1946 Honor Roll of the NCNW. Others awarded (left to

right): Mrs. Alma Illery, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Mary C. Holliday, Durham, N. C.; Miss Selma Burke, New York and Miss Artemesia Bowden, San Antonio, Tex. Honorees awarded in absentia were: Mrs. Mary Scarborough, Liberia; Mme. Pandit, India; Mrs. Sarah Spencer Washington, Atlantic City; Mrs. Harper Sibley, New York; Mrs. Madeline Morgan Stratton, Chicago; Marian Anderson, Connecticut, and Ingrid Bergman, Hollywood.

# Nation-Wide Poll Included Both Races

*Daily World*

*Atlanta, Ga.*

*Sat. 2-8-47*

WASHINGTON D. C.—(SNS)—

—Marian Anderson, world famous concert artist, heads the 1947 honor roll of the National Council of Negro Women. The eleven other women named are as follows:

Ingrid Bergman, actress, for her stand on racial discrimination;

Artemesia Bowden of San Antonio, Texas, for her outstanding work in providing educational facilities for Negroes in her Texas community;

Selma Burke, sculptress, for her work in the field of art;

Mary C. Holliday of Statesville, N. C., for her contribution to rural life as a Jeanes teacher;

Alma Illery of Pittsburgh, Pa., President of the National Achievement Clubs initiator of George W. Carver week;

Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's first lady, who led the spirited attack against South Africa and won official notice of the racial question by the United Nations;

Helen Mills Scarborough of Monrovia, Liberia, first woman member of the official cabinet;

Georgianna Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., for her courageous work in the field of human relations;

Venice T. Spraggs of Washington, D. C., for outstanding work in the field of journalism;

Madeline Morgan Stratton of Chicago, Ill., for her work in the field of intercultural education;

Sara Spencer Washington of Atlantic City, N. J., outstanding business woman.

The candidates selected were the result of a nation-wide popular poll. *2-8-47*



# Race Relations Honor Roll

## 18 Lauded for Progress and Fight for Democracy

2-15-47 Sat. Baltimore, Md.

N.Y. Library Nation-Wide Poll Includes

6 White Persons, Blind Student on List

The Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature of the New York Public Library, marking National Negro History Week, announced its 1946 Honor Roll of Race Relations listing 12 Negro organizations or individuals who distinguished themselves, and six white organizations or individuals who did the most for the improvement of race relations "in terms of real democracy." The lists:

### Whites

James V. Forrestal, Secretary of Navy, for his directives abolishing segregation in the U. S. Navy.

Margaret Halsey, for her book *Color Blind*.

Ellis Arnall, for his fight for democracy in Georgia.

Dr. James H. Rodabaugh, for gathering historical records of the Negro in Ohio.

Antioch College for appointing a Negro (Dr. Walter Anderson) to head its Department of Music.

Orson Welles, for his radio campaign against bigotry.

### Negroes

William H. Hastie, for his appointment as Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Alain Locke, for his election as president of the American Assn. for Adult Education.

Shirley Graham, for her biography of Frederick Douglass.

Levi Jackson, for his football record at Yale.

Mrs. Emma Clement, for earning the title American Mother of 1946.

The legal staff of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, for its defense of the Columbia, Tenn., riot victims.

Percy Greene, editor of the Jackson (Miss.) *Advocate*, for exposing election irregularities.

Frank Yerby, for his novel *The Foxes of Harrow*.

The Citizens Democratic Committee of Georgia, for its campaign to bring out the Negro vote.

Canada Lee, actor-producer, for the play *On Whitman Ave.*

The King Cole Trio, for contributing the most to popular music during the year.

Alfred D. Brooks, for winning his M.A. degree, being adjudged by the American Foundation for the Blind as the student who has shown the greatest intellectual improvement during the year.

NEW YORK—James V. Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, was among the 6 white persons and 12 colored citizens selected for a place on the Honor Roll of Race Relations of 1946, according to an announcement made Feb. 9 by Dr. Lawrence Reddick of the New York Public Library.

Each year the Schomburg Collection of Negro literature of the New York Public Library conducts a nation-wide poll to determine 12 colored individuals, organizations or institutions, who have most distinguished themselves during the year, and the six white persons (individuals, organizations, or institutions), who have done the most for the improvement of race relations "in terms of real democracy."

This is a feature of Negro History Week. No attempt is made to rank the names.

**A Bid for United Nations**  
Dr. Reddick, curator of the Schomburg collection, said in the course of the announcement that the efforts of those named "help make our country worthy of being the permanent home of the United Nations."

Winning Honor Roll positions were:

### White

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, JAMES V. FORRESTAL, for his directives abolishing racial segregation in the United States Navy. (The most comprehensive of the orders removing limitations upon colored naval personnel was issued Feb. 28, 1946.)

MISS MARGARET HALSEY, for her book, "Color Blind."

EX-GOVERNOR ELLIS ARNALL, for his fight for democracy in Georgia.

DR. JAMES H. RODABAUGH, Curator of the Ohio State Historical Society and Director of the Ohio War Commission, for gathering and preserving historical records of colored citizens.

ANTIOCH COLLEGE, for appointing Professor Walter Anderson, the first colored person to head its Department of Music. (Incidentally, Professor Anderson is one of the few members of a minority group to head any department in any American college

which has a predominantly white student body and faculty.)

ORSON WELLES, for his radio campaign against racial and religious bigotry.

### Colored

HON. WILLIAM H. HASTIE, for his appointment as Governor of the Virgin Islands, the first to be a regular governor of an American State or Territory.

DR. ALAIN LOCKE, for his election as President of the American Association for Adult Education.

MISS SHIRLEY GRAHAM, for her biography of Frederick Douglass, which won the Julian Messner prize of \$6,500 for the best book on race relations.

LEVI JACKSON, for his football record at Yale University.

MRS. EMMA CLEMENT, for earning the "American Mother of 1946" vote, the first mother so designated.

THE LEGAL STAFF OF THE NAACP, particularly for its defense of the Columbia, Tenn., riot victims.

PERCY GREENE, editor of the Jackson, Miss., "Advocate," for his assistance in gathering witnesses for the Senate Committee investigating election irregularities.

FRANK YERBY, for his novel, "The Foxes of Harrow," whose sales exceeded those of any other book ever written by a colored American.

THE CITIZENS DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OF GEORGIA, for its campaign to bring out votes of the minority group.

CANADA LEE, actor and co-producer, for "On Whitman Avenue," a Broadway play exposing unfair housing practices in the North.

THE KING COLE TRIO, winner of the vote of popular music magazines as having contributed the most to popular music during the past year.

ALFRED D. BROOKS, for winning his M. A. degree, being adjudged by the American Foundation for the Blind as the student who has shown the greatest intellectual improvement during the year.



# Virginia Plans

## *Defender* 'Roberts Day'

*Chicago, Ill.* (6)  
To Honor Liberian

President From U.S.

*Sat. 3-15-47*

PETERSBURG, Va.—The Commonwealth of Virginia will honor Joseph Jenkins Roberts, first president of the Republic of Liberia and native Virginian, on March 14, it has been announced by Dr. L. H. Foster, president, Virginia State College, and chairman of Governor Tuck's Roberts Day Committee.

In a recent statement setting March 14 as a date to memorialize the Virginian, Governor Tuck declared it a "pleasure to announce the designation of Friday, March 14, 1947, as Joseph Jenkins Roberts Day in commemoration of an outstanding Virginia-born Negro statesman who served as the first president of the Republic of Liberia."

In George Washington and Roberts, Virginia furnished the first presidents for two newly formed republics. Roberts was born at Petersburg, Va., on March 15, 1809. Before emigrating to Liberia in 1829, he had become a successful business man and amassed a considerable amount of property. In Liberia he immediately became active in the colony and upon the creation of the commonwealth in 1838, he was appointed lieutenant governor. On the death of the governor in 1842, Roberts became the first Negro to serve as commonwealth governor. *Sat. 3-15-47*

Through Roberts' efforts Liberia began its independence movement in the early 1840's and in 1847 declared itself free and independent and formed a government similar to that of the United States. The former Virginian was elected first president of the Republic and during his first two terms in office he travelled widely in capitals of the world seeking diplomatic recognition of the newly born nation. Roberts came out of retirement in 1871 to serve again as president of Liberia. He died in 1876 and is recorded in Liberian history as the "Father of the Republic."

At Petersburg on the evening of March 14, memorial services will be held for Roberts at Virginia State College. On this occasion a portrait of the distinguished statesman will be unveiled and a representative of Liberia will present a Liberian flag to Governor Tuck on behalf of President Truman and the people of Liberia.



# Robby Rookie Winner

(Jackie Robinson) Dodger fresh-

man first sacker, was voted "Rookie of the Year" in the annual Sporting News selection yesterday. Sporting News, weekly bible of the baseball world, said Robinson was awarded rookie honors only for his sensational all-around play—and the other question of his being the first Negro in the big leagues didn't enter into determining his value as a player.

Quite moved and happy over his winning the award, Jackie nonetheless has something bigger on his mind today as the Dodgers and Cards engage in the finale to the vital three-game pennant-deciding series at Sportsman's Park. It'll be Vic Lombardi and Murray Dickson as mound starters this afternoon. (We went to press too early for results of last night's contest as Hal Gregg opened for Shotton against Mungler, with the Brooks trying to make it two straight and increase their five and one-half game lead over the Redbirds. Sat. 9-13-47)

Hats Off!

... to Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers, who achieved success in the major leagues the hard way. Playing a position that he never before had played, playing a professional sport that had been closed to men of his race, he made the grade and earned the selection by the Sporting News, baseball publication, as the rookie of the year.

## Robinson Named 'Rookie of Year'

CHICAGO — Jackie Robinson was officially named "rookie of the year" here last week following report on a poll of members of the Baseball Writer Association of America. Although the Sporting News, baseball publication, previously selected the Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman as 1947's outstanding rookie, the annual award by the Chicago Chapter of the Baseball Writers is looked upon as the official action.

Jackie edged out Larry Jansen, New York Giant hurler, for the honor. In previous years, selection was made by the Chicago Writers, but this year four writers from each major-league city participated. Each ballot listed five choices, with five points for first choice, four for second, and down to one point for fifth choice.

On this basis Robinson received 129 points, with 15 first-place votes. Jansen collected 105 points, including 13 first choices. Following were Frank Shea, New York Yankee pitcher, 67 points; Ferris Fain, Philadelphia Athletics first baseman, 43, and Frank Baumholtz, Cincinnati Reds outfielder, 42.

Robinson will be unable to attend the annual banquet of the Chicago writers next Tuesday so the J. Louis Comiskey trophy will be presented to him Wednesday night during a theater appearance which he is making here.

## Brooklyn Star Honored By Sports Writers

Wins Coveted Award  
For 1st Year As  
Major Leaguer

Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers' first sacker and the first Negro in more than a half-century to play in organized white baseball, was voted the J. Louis Comiskey award for being the "rookie of the year" by the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America, it was announced Sunday morning after a poll of four writers of the association in each major-league city. Heretofore the vote was restricted to Chicago writers.

Robinson, who is playing a week's personal engagement here at the Regal theatre took time out Wednesday night, Nov. 12, to receive the award. Jack Ryan, chairman of the Chicago chapter and baseball writer on the Chicago Daily News staff; Warren Brown, baseball writer and columnist on the Herald-American and vice president of the Chicago chapter and John Phillips, Howe News Bureau, secretary-treasurer of the Chicago chapter, presented the award after it was learned that Robinson was due in Hollywood on Jan. 18 to star in a new film "Courage," a story based

on his life. The Jan. 18 date is that of the Chicago chapter's annual dinner at the Hotel Morrison in Chicago.

### Jackie 'On The Spot'

Robinson was on the spot. He could hardly refuse the award and he couldn't assure the Chicago chapter that he could be here due to the fact that once Hollywood directors start shooting a film they will not stop. Jackie won the coveted award by receiving 129 votes, including 15 first place votes. Larry Jansen, New York Giants, received 105 votes including 13 first place votes for runnerup position.

Third place went to Frank Shea, New York Yankees hurler who won two world series games with 67 points. Ferris Fain, Philadelphia Athletics, was fourth with 43 votes and Frank Baumholtz, Cincinnati, placed fifth with 42.

Previous winners of the Comiskey award were Edward Waitkus, Chicago Cubs in 1946; Dave Ferris, Boston Red Sox in 1945; Bill Johnson, New York Yankees in 1944; Bill Voiselle, New York Giants in 1943; Johnny Beasley, St. Louis Cards in 1942. Peter Reiser, Brooklyn in 1941, and Lou Boudreau, Cleveland Indians in 1940.

Robinson went to the Dodgers this year from the Montreal Royals of the International League after a successful season with the minors in 1946. With Montreal he helped them win the 1946 International League pennant and the little world series victory over Louisville of the American Association.

Robinson led his league in batting, was second in stolen bases and was voted the most valuable man on the Montreal team. Also he was voted the best defensive second baseman in the league.

Going to the majors, Jackie was given a tryout at first base where he made good. He led the national league in stolen bases and batted .298 for the National League season. He was the main cog in the offense and the defense in Brooklyn's winning the National League pennant and helped to force the New York Yankees to go the full route of seven games to win the 1947 world series.

At the banquet given by the Committee of 100 Thursday night, Robinson spiked a story that he was disappointed in not having received a raise or a bonus from Branch Rickey Jr., president of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

### Grateful To Rickey

"I never said that—in Washington or anywhere else," Robinson told his audience. "I received \$5,000—the minimum salary for a rookie. I was promised no raise or bonus. I expected none. I am eternally grateful to Mr. Rickey for giving me my chance in big league base-

ball." Now that the 1947 season is over Robinson admitted that he and his wife had been talking about a better salary. He said he would continue baseball for a "few" more seasons putting the word "few" in place of the word "three" which he had given out in interviews in the East.

Jackie intends to settle down in the West and is anxious to get into boys' welfare work. He wants to help the underprivileged youth.

### RECEIVING 'ROOKIE OF YEAR' PRIZE



Jackie Robinson (right) of the Dodgers getting the Louis Comiskey Memorial Award from Jack Ryan, chairman of the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers Association, at Chicago on Wednesday night.

Associated Press Wirephoto



**WALTER WINCHELL WINS  
FDR BROTHERHOOD MEDAL**  
NEW YORK (ANP). — The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Brotherhood Medal was won this year by Walter Winchell, radio news commentator. The award is made by New York City ministers.

**Winchell Uses  
Atlanta, Ga. Daily World  
Epithet; Sorry**  
Wed. 6-11-47-Wed.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Columnist Walter Winchell who has "preached" racial tolerance and understanding since the end of World War II, slipped up here last week and used the word "pickaninny" while addressing an audience at Salem church.

Mr. Winchell who reportedly speaks to 25,000,000 radio listeners every Sunday night, quickly apologized, however, and the incident has apparently been dropped.

At the invitation of the Interdenominational Ministers meeting, Mr. Winchell came to Harlem Wednesday night to receive the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Brotherhood medal. During his speech, he mentioned that his wife had asked one agency to get the famed couple another baby for adoption, "even if it's a pickaninny."

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The audience was as cold as "Alaska in Winter" but nobody booed the commentator. Afterward, one member of the audience explained that Negroes did not like the term, so Winchell apologized by saying he was sorry and "didn't realize it at all."

*Michigan Chronicle*

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Russ J. Cowans

FROM: Gloster B. Current

RE: "Pickaninnies"

Detroit, Mich. — Sat. 6-14-47

THE OTHER NIGHT I attended a presentation ceremony sponsored by the Interdenominational Alliance of Greater New York at which the Franklin D. Roosevelt Brotherhood Medal was awarded to Walter Winchell. The medal is given annually by the New York Ministers to the one best exemplifying the ideals of the late Franklin Roosevelt. The 1946 award, which incidentally was the first time the medal was given, went to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

I am sure that among the 3,000 persons present from several denominations throughout the city, there were very few who did not believe that the committee had chosen wisely when it elected Walter Winchell, that dynamic, staccatolike radio correspondent who has taken a strong position on humanitarian, political and social questions of the day.

After the usual lengthy program which included a procession to the tune of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and such hymns as "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" and selections from a combined chorus, slightly off key, of such choral favorites as "Inflammatus" and "Halleluiahs Chorus," the program finally got down to the collection. Sat. 6-14-47

Instead of having the usual ushers take the collection, the president of the Alliance, Dr. C. Asapansa-Johnson, made a few remarks and then the collection was taken by several of New York's leading ministers serving as ushers. It was a relief and an interesting sight to see the ministers themselves for once, doing the ushering, and they did it quite well, having watched for many years their usher boys performing this weekly function.

Then came the climax of the evening—presentation of the medal. Walter Winchell was called for: the platform guests all rose. The minister making the presentation waxed eloquent and talked for 15 minutes in a monotone which did not "mike" well, and after many laudatory phrases and needless repetitions and references to the work and spirit of the "late Franklin Delano Roosevelt," the medal—a small, round object not much larger than a half dollar—was presented to Winchell. Four photographers' bulbs flashed in unison. There was the usual retake by two of them who feared their first shots might have missed the picture. Then Winchell spoke. All eyes were upon him, for he not only was the hero of the evening, but every Sunday night at 9:00 p.m. his voice has echoed across the land taking



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issue with lynchers, Nazis and other bigots in behalf of the American way of life.

Then came the letdown. Winchell was obviously taken aback by the genuineness and the nice things said about him. Forgetting to use his written text, he launched into what many noted speakers sometimes do—a heart-to-heart talk with his audience, by telling a "joke" on his wife. Sat. 6-14-47

It seems as if the Winchell family had many children, some of whom died, and after the youngest boy became 11 years of age his wife, during his absence on the West Coast, decided to adopt a baby. She called the society and was placed on the waiting list. After waiting for one year, it seems that she called again to determine what had happened to her application. She was advised that the society did not have any baby that they felt would be suitable, whereupon, according to Mr. Winchell, Mrs. Winchell is supposed to have remarked, "I'll take anything. I'll even take a pickaninny."

You could have socked this audience of Manhattan Negroes who had come out on a Monday night to hear mediocre singing and long-winded speeches, all to honor their radio hero—you could have socked them with a wet towel. There were a few scattered snickers, but the statement fell flat. Winchell, realizing that he had committed a faux pas, attempted to cover up by pointing out that his wife finally adopted a half-Chinese child and later on a quarter-Chinese child.

What he intended to convey was that the Winchell family was cosmopolitan and in raising children did not care what race, creed or color child was given to them. But the statement of his wife that she would take "even a pickaninny" obviously showed that the stereotype appraisal of Negroes exists even among the most liberal brethren and sisters. For use of the term "even" implied a status of inferiority, and although a child of such lesser status would have been acceptable, the term "pickaninny" was a tip-off to Mrs. Winchell's manner of categorizing Negroes.

The rest of Mr. Winchell's speech was good for he read from the text, but in talking with several people afterwards, I found many reactions similar to mine—we all suffered a letdown, for even one of our best friends thinks of us as "pickaninnies" and had no better sense than to tell such a story on his wife before a Negro audience. Sat. 6-14-47



## 23 Negroes and 16 Whites Share Rosenwald Awards

Chicago, May 13—A blues singer, a composer, and a fashion designer were among the recipients of Julius Rosenwald fellowships for 1947, announced today. Twenty-three Negroes and 16 white Southerners received awards worth \$90,000, according to Dr. Edwin R. Embree, president of the Fund.

Chosen for awards from among the hundreds of Negro applicants were Ulysses Kay, young composer, who will spend a year on a concerto and string quartet; Frank Harriott, former feature writer for PM, who will write a novel based on the life of a celebrated blues singer; Mary E. Robbs of Chattanooga, and Pauline Phelps of Chicago, young singers; Julian Dempsey, Hollywood fashion designer; and Louis Phillip Clark, research physicist for the Philadelphia Naval Base, who will do aeronautical research in England.

Among the white Southern candidates three men, Charles Farris of Jacksonville, Fla.; Thomas O. Zuber of Birmingham, Ala.; and David Calvin Kytte of Atlanta, Ga., will investigate varying aspects of Southern political life. George C. Stoney of the Southern Educational Film Production Service of Atlanta will study documentary film techniques in England, France, and Scandinavia; and John W. Lipscomb, news editor of the Nashville Tennessean, will make a study of the forces resisting the spread of labor unions in the Southern states.

## Awards Averaging \$2,000 Given in Variety of Fields

16 White Southerners in Group; Work Ranges from Writing Poetry to Judging Political Trends

CHICAGO—The award of 39 Julius Rosenwald Fund Fellowships for 1947 which, together with re-appointments of former fellows total \$90,000, was announced today by Edwin R. Embree, president of the fund.

The recipients were 23 colored persons, 16 white Southerners, who were given awards averaging \$2,000, in order to carry out projects ranging from the writing of poetry to the evaluation of political practices.

### To Work in Field of Music

Chosen for awards from among the hundreds of colored applicants were:

Ulysses Kay, brilliant young composer, who will spend a year on a concerto and string quartet; Frank Harriott, former feature writer for PM, who will write a novel based on the life of a celebrated blues singer;

Mary E. Robbs of Chattanooga, and Pauline Phelps of Chicago, sensational young singers; Julian Dempsey, Hollywood fashion designer; and Louis P. Clark, research physicist for the Philadelphia Naval Base, who will do aeronautical research in England.

### Southern Politics an Issue

Among the white Southern candidates, three men, Charles Farris of Jacksonville, Fla.; Thomas O. Zuber of Birmingham, and David C. Kytte of Atlanta, will investigate varying aspects of Southern political life.

George C. Stoney of the Southern Educational Film Production Service of Atlanta, will study documentary film techniques in England, France, and Scandinavia; and John W. Lipscomb, news editor of the Nashville Tennessean, will make a study of the forces resisting the spread of labor unions in the Southern States.

Those receiving grants were:

### Colored

WILLIAM ME. ARTIS, Corona, L.I., N.Y.: To work with native Alabama clays in the creation of sculpture and ceramics, at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

WALTER C. BAILEY, Indianapolis: For graduate work in so-

ciology, at the University of Chicago.

ARTHUR C. BANKS JR., department of history and political science, Morehouse College, Atlanta, to make a study of the problems of small nations and their contributions to international law and world organizations, at Johns Hopkins University.

EDWARD W. BRICE, Rock Hill, S.C.: For a study of the development and present status of the colored junior college, at the University of Pennsylvania.

R. LOUIS EBURGE, voice instructor, Howard University, Washington: For graduate studies in voice, languages and music education at Columbia University.

LOUISE P. CLARK, head of vibration and flutter section, Naval Air Experimental Station, Philadelphia, to study techniques employed in aeroelastic instability investigations in selected British aircraft research organizations.

JULIAN W. DEMPSEY, fashion designer, Los Angeles, for special research and experiments in fashion design.

CLYDE R. DILLARD, research assistant in chemistry, University of Chicago: For research on boron hydrides, at the University of Chicago.

EDWIN R. EDMONDS, San Antonio, Tex.: To make a study of the status of colored blind in three Southern States, at Boston University.

GRACE T. HAMILTON, executive, Atlanta Urban League, Atlanta: To study the techniques used in successful social-action programs to determine their applicability to Southern communities, at the New School for Social Research, New York.

FRANK HARRIOTT, free lance writer, New York City: To write a novel based on the life of a famous blues singer.

ROBERT E. HAYDEN, assistant professor of English, Fisk University, Nashville: For creative work in poetry.

BLYDEN JACKSON, assistant pro-

fessor of English, Fisk University, Nashville, for advanced studies in literature, at the University of Michigan.

ULLMONT L. JAMES, assistant superintendent of education, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands: To make a critical study of the curriculum and educational practices of the Virgin Islands, at New York University.

BUTLER A. JAMES, professor of social science, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.: For graduate study in American civilization and culture, at New York University.

ULYSSES S. KAY, New York City: For the composition of a string quartet and a concerto, and for musical studies at Columbia University.

VIOLET H. KING, Dillard University, New Orleans: For a critical evaluation of the teacher training programs of selected Colored Liberal Art Colleges, at Northwestern University.

PAULINE E. PHELPS, Chicago: For graduate studies in voice, at the Juilliard School of Music, New York.

JOHN W. RHODEN, New York City: For creative work in sculpture.

MARY E. ROBBS, Chattanooga: For studies in voice.

DANIEL T. SKINNER, assistant professor of modern languages, Morgan State College, Baltimore: To make a study of the French Canadian Poet and Statesman, Louis Frechette, at Harvard University.

PAULINE B. TAYLOR, teacher, Lincoln School, Kalamazoo, Mich.: For a survey of most effective techniques for the improvement of race relations, at New York University.

ALONZO S. YERBY, interne, Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.: For graduate study in public health, at the University of Michigan.

### White Southerners

BYRON L. BURFORD JR., Jackson, Miss.: For a series of paintings based on Southern themes.

EDWARD F. BURROWS, Oswego, S.C.: To study the role of interracial committees in the social history of the South, at the University of Wisconsin.

MARTIN L. DIBNER, Winter Park, Fla.: To write a novel about post-war Florida.

CHARLES D. FARRIS, Jacksonville, Fla.: To make an analysis of urban politics in a Southern city, at the University of Chicago.

JOHN A. GRIFFIN, associate professor of journalism, Emory University, Georgia: For graduate studies in journalism and sociology, at the University of Wisconsin.

MARGARET C. JAMES, research assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: For a study of the communication media available to colored people in a North Carolina community, at the University of North Carolina.

DAVID C. KYTLE, Atlanta: For a study of the political structure of Georgia.

LEWIS M. KILLIAN, Macon, Ga.: For a study of the adjustment of Southern white migrants to life in a Northern city, at the University of Chicago.

EDITH LEVY, New Orleans: For a photographic study of colored life in New Orleans and for special studies at Tulane University.

JOHN W. LIPSCOMB, news editor of The Nashville Tennessean: For a study of the organized and unorganized resistance to the growth of the Southern Labor Movement.

THOMAS H. PHILLIPS, Kossuth, Miss.: For the writing of a novel.

JAMES W. PROTHRO, Alexandria, La.: For a study of the role of religion in Southern politics, at Princeton University.

GEORGE C. STONEY, writer-director, Southern Educational Film Production Service, Atlanta: To study foreign documentary film techniques in England, France, and Scandinavia.

SOLOMON SUTKER, research assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: For graduate studies in sociology, at the University of North Carolina.

JAMES A. TOWER, associate professor of geography, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham: To write a geography of Alabama.

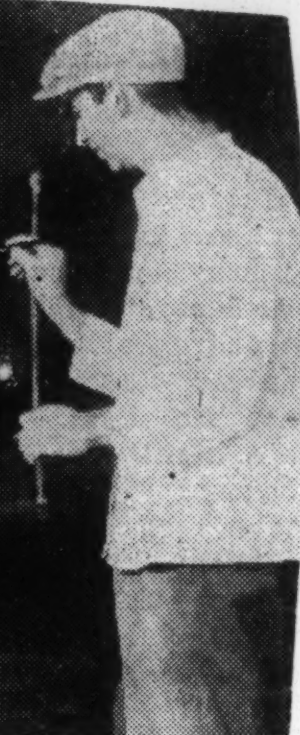
LLOYD P. WILLIAMS, Dallas, Tex.: For graduate study in educational philosophy, at New York University.

THOMAS O. ZUBER, free lance writer, Birmingham, Ala.: To write a book about the political life of the South.



# SP 2946

## OLIVER MILLET



Here's The Southern Pacific Car Which Honors A Nearo

### Honors Steward For 45 Years Of Fine Service

*Chicago, Ill.*  
SAN FRANCISCO:-- Oliver Millet, first Negro railroad employee in the country to have a rail car named for him, was thus honored recently by the Southern Pacific company here upon his retirement from service.

Millet was born in Charendon, La., in 1881. Following a good common school education he was employed as waiter in the famous Chess and Checkers club. In August, 1902, he became a waiter

for the Southern Pacific, serving on the Sunset Limited from New Orleans to San Francisco. In 1915 he was assigned to the "Del Monte" as parlor car attendant. Here he served Monterey Peninsula travelers, often chaperoning small children and doing other extracurricular duties. Because of this service he was rewarded upon retirement after 45 years with the road by having his name conferred on the Del Monte's parlor car.



# THE SPINGARN AWARD

*Chicago Defender - Ill.*  
The awarding of the Spingarn medal to Dr. Percy L. Julian represents a high watermark in the history of this award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

No greater and no more popular choice could have been made by the committee that selected Dr. Julian as recipient of this year's medal. True, there have been many distinguished individuals who have been thus honored. Few, very few, have had a career as spectacular as that of Dr. Julian.

A product of the University of Vienna where he received his Ph.D. in chemistry following his graduate work at Harvard University, Dr. Julian has sought to improve the teaching of science in Negro and white colleges in this country. As head of the Department of Chemistry at Howard University, he is responsible for a great many improvements which have placed the department among the best in university circles. He later taught at De Pauw University, his Alma Mater, where race prejudice brought an end to his teaching career. *Sat. 6-7-47*

Then something happened. Glidden and Company, one of the world's largest manufacturers of paint was losing money. Something was wrong with the company's chemical process. The country was searched all over for a competent research chemist who could correct the problem. The search was fruitless until W. J. O'Brien, vice president of the company, in desperation, visited the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wis., in 1936. But the director of the company was too busy to discuss the Glidden Company's difficulties; however, in relating his own difficulties, the dean of the Institute gave O'Brien an idea. Shortly after Mr. O'Brien had an interview with Dr. Julian which resulted in his being hired as head of the research staff of the Chicago plant. After the company had provided him with a new plant and new equipment which entailed an outlay of over a million dollars, Dr. Julian ended his second year with a profit of \$135,000,000 instead of a loss.

In 1943 he had published three papers in a chain of evidence tending to isolate the elements of the drug, physostigmine, a by-product of the soya

bean. This drug has been found useful in certain intestinal ailments and in contracting the pupil of the eye. During the war he was able to break down the German patent monopoly on synthetic sex hormones. He has developed progesterone, a female-producing hormone and one for males called testosterone. He is the author of 60 scientific publications and has 40 patents pending. *Sat. 6-7-47*

As a result of his developing a new soya protein that formed the basis for the Navy's sensational aero-foam, many United State airships and aircraft carriers were saved from destruction and of course a countless number of lives were spared a watery grave. Dr. Julian is regarded in scientific circles as one of the most brilliant organic chemists of our day.

The NAACP could not have made a better selection.

## Spingarn Medal

### To Dr. Julian

*Chicago, Ill.*  
NEW YORK — Dr. Percy L. Julian, Chicago research chemist, whose contribution to wartime safety of American seamen and airmen saved thousands of lives, will receive the Spingarn Medal, the nation's highest award to a Negro, according to announcement from NAACP this week. *Sat. 6-5-47*



Dr. Julian

Presentation of the award to Dr. Julian will be made next month in the nation's capital at the time of the annual NAACP conference, the announcement stated. *Sat. 6-5-47*

The NAACP Committee of Awards selected Dr. Julian from among a distinguished group of prospective recipients for his brilliant contribution in the field of chemical research widely publicized in articles by Paul de Kruif.

Dr. Julian developed a new soya protein which formed the basis for the Navy's sensational Aero-Foam.

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**NEGRO HONOR CONFERRED**

**Dr. Percy L. Julian Is Selected for the Spingarn Medal**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced yesterday that it had awarded the Spingarn Medal for distinguished achievement by an American Negro to Dr. Percy L. Julian, Chicago chemist, for "his brilliant contributions in the field of chemical research."

Dr. Julian is director of the research division of the Glidden Company in Cleveland, where he supervises the research activities of a large group of scientists, both white and Negro, the announcement said. He is credited "with the saving of thousands of American seamen and airmen during World War II as a result of his development of a new soya protein which formed the basis for the Navy's sensational Aero-Foam," the association said.

**Dunjee on Spingarn Award Committee**  
**Black Dispatch**

Editor Roscoe Dunjee was notified Wednesday that he had been selected as a member of the Spingarn Award Committee, to serve for the next three years.

Awards are made by this committee, an auxiliary of the N. A. A. C. P., to the American Negro who is recognized as having made the most outstanding achievement each year.



**SPINGARN MEDALIST**—Dr. Percy L. Julian, left, director of the research division of the Glidden Company, Cleveland, has been selected as the 32nd recipient of the Spingarn Medal, it was announced this week. He is shown here with Adrian Joyce, founder and board chairman of the Glidden Co.

**TRIBUTE TO SCIENTIST:**

**32nd Spingarn Medal**  
**to Research Chemist**

**NEW YORK**—Dr. Percy L. Julian, research director for the Glidden Co., of Cleveland, has been awarded the 32nd Spingarn Medal for distinguished achievement, it was announced Thursday by the NAACP.

In making the announcement, of the Glidden Co., supervises the it was disclosed that the Committee of Award selected Dr. Julian from among a distinguished group of prospective recipients for his brilliant contributions in the field of chemical research.

Dr. Julian is credited with the saving of thousands of American seamen and airmen during World War II, as a result of his development of a new soya protein, which formed the basis for the Navy's sensational aero-foam, an effective agent in smothering fires.

Dr. Julian as research director

Several years ago Dr. Julian synthesized and made in pure form for the first time, physostigmine, a myotic alkaloid from the Calabar bean. This drug has been used in certain severe abdominal conditions by physicians for many years.

The Spingarn medalist is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of DePauw University, who did graduate work for four years at Harvard before receiving his Ph.D. in

chemistry at the University of Vienna.

Before going to the Glidden Co., he taught chemistry at Fisk and West Virginia State colleges.

**Presentation in June**

Dr. Louis T. Wright, in the citation for Dr. Julian wrote, "This medal is presented in recognition of his work as a distinguished chemist who has made many important discoveries that have saved many lives."

"He has demonstrated skill, courage and sustained effort on the highest level in making contributions that will benefit mankind for years to come. The world will pay tribute to his efforts in behalf of the welfare of humanity."

**CHEMIST GETS SPINGARN MEDAL AT NAACP PARLEY**

By Abner W. Berry

discriminatory practices.

**WASHINGTON, June 27.**—Dr. to Veteran Administrator Gen. Percy L. Julian, Negro research chemist who discovered a method that there is a \$30,000,000 potential of producing synthetically male and female sex hormones, was tonight awarded the Spingarn Medal for outstanding achievement at the 38th conference here of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The presentation was made by the atomic physicist, Dr. Harold C. Urey. Dr. Julian was praised by the atomic scientist for having overcome the handicaps of racial discrimination under which he started and for giving to the world new scientific discoveries of aid to all.

In accepting the award, Dr. Julian said the scientist had "become a focal point of consideration by an anxious civilized world." No man of science, he said, can live in isolation or "repair to his ivory tower, ignoring the social and moral implications of his discoveries." He urged a cease to the "palsy fear that grips humanity today" resulting from the discovery of "the monster atomic bomb."

"The resolute will to peace will supplant this fear," he said.

Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., NAACP labor secretary, outlined a program of cooperation of labor. He urged: Greater participation of Negro workers in the unions.

Joint work with unions for favorable legislation.

Joint work with unions to fight

battleships. In this alone the colored boy who once lived in an attic at DePauw helped his country save thousands of lives.

Born on the other side of the railway tracks in Montgomery, Ala., 48 years ago, Dr. Julian's life follows that of Booker T. Washington in his passionate desire for an education. The son of a railway mail clerk, Julian was determined to go to school, but no college in his part of the country would take him. Finally DePauw opened its doors, and after receiving his degree Julian returned to the South to teach chemistry at Fisk University in Nash-

**Negro Scientist Is Honored**

national leaders gather at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate Negro progress in the United States, including the recent award of the Spingarn Medal to this same colored student—Dr. Percy L. Julian.

In the intervening years and despite tremendous handicaps, Dr. Julian has become one of the nation's leading scientists. During the war he helped develop the basic invention used by the Navy to smother fires on battleships. In this alone the colored boy who once lived in an attic at DePauw helped his country save thousands of lives.

**Drew Pearson**

WASHINGTON—Thirty years ago a colored boy who wanted to study chemistry at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., found an attic in a fraternity house where of the Spingarn Medal to this same colored student—Dr. Percy L. Julian. In the intervening years and despite tremendous handicaps, Dr. Julian has become one of the nation's leading scientists. During the war he helped develop the basic invention used by the Navy to smother fires on battleships. In this alone the colored boy who once lived in an attic at DePauw helped his country save thousands of lives.



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From there he managed to get a research fellowship at Harvard, and spent four years at Cambridge, firing furnaces, waiting on table—and studying. He studied so hard that he received his master's degree in a year. Then, after teaching at the Virginia State College for Negroes, one of Julian's Harvard classmates, Julius Stone, Jr., helped pay his expenses to Vienna, where he studied for his doctor's degree under the famous Austrian chemist, Ernst Spath. *Sun. 6-29-47*

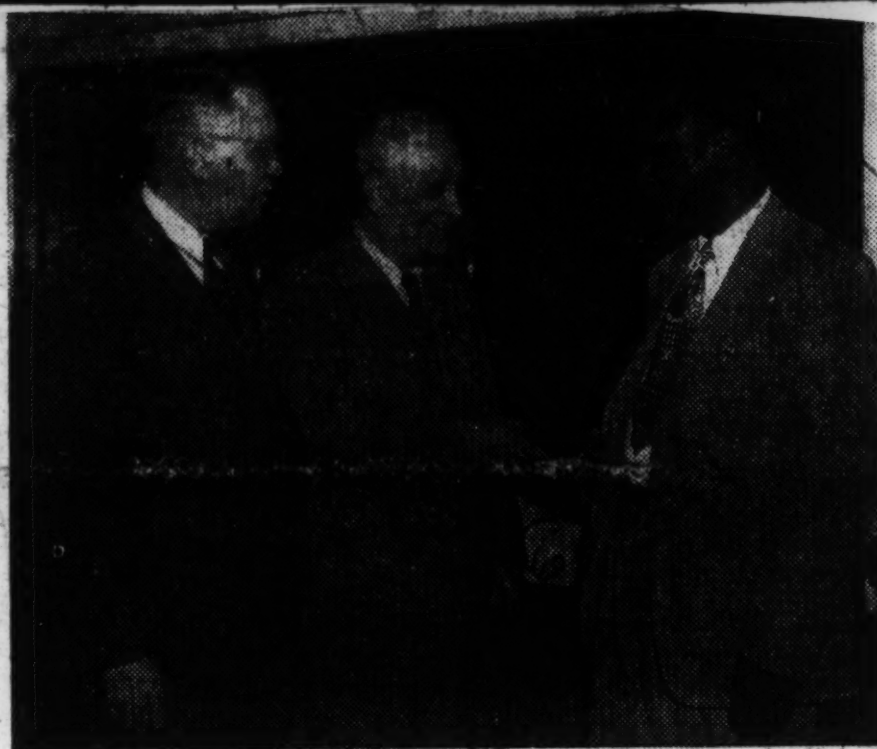
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After a period of teaching at Howard University and at his alma mater, DePauw, Dr. Julian was offered the position he now occupies as head of the research department of the Glidden Paint & Varnish Company.

Probably the Glidden Company is the only industrial firm in the country which employs a Negro in such an important position. And when they first made the offer to Julian, at a salary of \$4,000, he was so nervous and excited that he didn't reply. The company, not understanding why he did not reply, called him and raised the salary offer.

Dr. Julian now guides the work of 50 highly trained chemists. As such he has discovered a new coating for paper and a drug for contracting the pupil of the eye. He is also considered the nation's leading soya bean expert. However, in addition to his discovery of smothering gasoline fires, his most important contribution has been the large-scale production of both female and male hormones, now widely used in the treatment of expectant mothers.

It is in recognition of these attainments that Dr. Julian this week received the Spingarn medal from the hands of the noted atomic scientist, Dr. H. C. Urey, and today participates in the ceremonies of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with President Truman at the Lincoln Memorial.



*Atlanta, Ga. Daily World*  
**SPINGARN MEDALIST GETS**  
AWARD — Dr. Harold C. Urey of Chicago, Illinois, presents the 32nd Spingarn Medal, honoring Arthur

*Thurs. 7-3-47*  
B. Spingarn, president of the N. A. A. C. P., to Dr. Percy L. Julian of Chicago, the 1947 winner.

## JULIAN RECEIVES *Atlanta, Ga. Daily World* *Thurs. 7-3-47* 32nd SPINGARN MEDAL

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA) —Dr. Percy L. Julian, former head of the chemistry department at Howard University and now research director of the Glidden Company in Chicago, last Friday night became the thirty-second recipient of the Spingarn Medal for his work in research chemistry.

The medal is awarded annually for outstanding achievement by an American colored person. Dr. Julian's work provided the basis for the production of Aero-Form which was used by the Navy during the war to save lives in ship and airplane fires.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize-winner and University of Chicago professor famed as an atomic power scientist, presented the award at the Spingarn Medal Night of the thirty-eighth annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. *Thurs. 7-3-47*

Dr. Urey told an audience of about 900 people who jammed into John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church that in science a proposition is accepted or not upon the basis of its essential logical character—not upon the basis of the person who sponsored it.

**JULIAN COMPLIMENTED**

He complimented Dr. Julian upon his achievements under "great handicaps" and "enormous difficulties." He expressed the hope that Dr. Julian's work would be the beginning of the breaking down of racial barriers.

Dr. Julian, who was graduated from DePauw in 1920 at the top of his class; was not encouraged to do advanced study because professors wanted to save him from the hardships a colored youth might face in a career in chemistry.

He later studied at Harvard under scholarships and fellowships, and, through influence of a Harvard classmate, under Ernest Spath the Viennese scientist, in Vienna.

He launched here at Howard a research project in physostigmine, a drug that produces contraction of the pupils of the eyes and with the Glidden Company he has developed a series of industrial processes and carried on extensive study in regard to the female hormone or progesterone.

In accepting the award, established in 1914 by the late Joel E. Spingarn, one-time chairman of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, Dr. Julian said: "Today's challenge to the American scientist is, first of all, to bring to the world a living testimony from the

pages of science against a philosophy of defeatism." He added: "It is his first and sacred responsibility to hold out to the world hope of peace and to chart the way to that peace out of the lessons of science."

He defined as a second challenge the dissemination of a note of optimism to dispel a palsy fear "by emphasizing that the search for truth is, always has been, and always will be, synonymous with the search for goodness."

A final challenge to the American scientist today is to "summon his fellow countrymen to an intelligent humility," Dr. Julian said, adding: "The holders of the atomic bomb, better than any of the scientists can tell their fellowmen that in the sun which rises on tomorrow's horizon nature has been conducting atomic disintegrations down the ages."

**LESSON IN HUMILITY**  
Dr. Julian said the wise scientist will bring to his country this lesson in humility "and it is a challenge to him to build upon this lesson a faith in the destiny of mankind that will give strength and fiber to the crusaders for peace throughout our civilized world."

At last Thursday's session, Dr. W. E. DuBois, 79-year-old research director for the association, told delegates the cause of colored people can best be helped "by doing away with the democratic illiteracy so prevalent among us."

He declared colored people must not feel the poverty in which many of them live is necessary. The best answer to poverty, he declared bluntly, "is socialism."

"Our people must understand principles of economics and industrial profit," Dr. DuBois said. "We must back the cause of democracy in industry to forward a more just distribution of wealth."

Dr. DuBois said colored people must not let themselves "be scared or intimidated by the fear of being called Communists" by these actions. *Thurs. 7-3-47*

He said the Government already has made some progress in taxing the rich instead of imposing too heavy a burden on the poor, "And taxing the rich is socialism—in clear and avowed form," he stated.

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**Percy Julian**  
*St. Louis Argus*  
**Receives 32nd**  
*St. Louis, Mo.*  
**Spingarn Award**  
*Fri. 7-4-47*

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30 (NNPA)—Dr. Percy L. Julian





**FAMILY ADMIRE COVETED AWARD**—T. M. Campbell, Extension Service field agent, his wife, and two of their daughters admire the Superior Service Award he has received from Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson for outstanding agricultural extension work. Left to right are: Miss Rose Elizabeth Campbell, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Emily Virginia Hawkins. The award was presented last week on the Washington monument grounds during the Department of Agriculture's first annual Honor Awards Ceremony.

(USDA Photo by Ackerman)

## Campbell Given Service Award

*Also American Preliminary*  
Farm Agent Honored for Work in South

In recognition of his outstanding agricultural extension work, T. M. Campbell, extension service field agent, was presented a Superior

Service Award last week by Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, during the first annual Honor Awards ceremony on the Washington Monument grounds.

Altogether, 33 of the Department's 76,000 employees received Superior Service Awards; five received Distinguished Service Awards, and 124 received Length of Service Awards. Of this latter group, one has served the Department for over 50 years, the others 40 or more years.

### For Outstanding Work

In making the presentation to Mr. Campbell, Secretary Anderson said,

"For your outstanding extension work among colored farm people, I present you this award. This is not for just doing a good job, but for work considerably beyond the call of duty."

The award consisted of a certificate, a medal, and lapel pin.

### 41 Years Service

Along with his Superior Award, Mr. Campbell also received a Length of Service Award for having served the Department for 41 years. He was the first colored

extension worker employed by the Department.

Campbell started as a farm demonstration leader in Alabama. He was employed jointly by Tuskegee Institute and the Department of Agriculture.

After making preliminary contacts among the farm people in Macon County, Campbell, climbed aboard the Jesup Wagon — a school on wheels designed by Dr. George Washington Carver and drove off to carry agricultural education to the doors of Alabama farm people.

His program consisted of distributing improved seed and conducting demonstrations in better farming practices and in improved home-making. Campbell has written a book "The Movable School Goes to the Negro Farmer." A London edition was published in October.



# Maestro Honored For Achievement In Musical Arts

*Pittsburgh Courier-Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Sat. 7-19-47*

By BILLY ROWE, Theatrical Editor

CHICAGO, Ill.—Louis Jordan, the multiple-talented sax maestro, who has held his high position in the realm of popular music for more than a half a decade, received what he termed the greatest single honor of his career when he was presented with the first Robert L. Vann Memorial Award on the stage of the Regal Theatre last Tuesday evening.

Before a jam-packed audience, Luther Hill, city editor of the paper's Chicago Edition, and one of its best theatrical writers, handed the huge award of achievement to the greatly pleased Jordan. Given to him after the writer had explained its purpose and what the man whom it will help to immortalize stood for, the ceremony was greeted with a round of ear-splitting applause.

What took place within the entertainment-soaked portals of the South Side theater, proved as many believe, the memory of the late great Robert L. Vann will forever live in the hearts of those to whom he dedicated his life. Of one generation, his achievements will remain part of the ages and be used as a stimulant for generations yet to come.

## TOP STAR

Louis Jordan was selected for the award on the strength of his great upward surge in the profession. He rose in the heights from the position of a sideman in numerous bands. There were many things in his way but he kept going, and today he is well established among the greatest musical attractions in the country.

For three years straight he walked with the top honors in The Courier's annual small combination popularity band poll. For just as many years he has cut vast inroads into the motion picture field with such all-colored productions as "Beware," "Reet," "Petite and Gone" and "Caldonia."

Though these flickers were never designed for any critic's best ten list, they, because of Jordan's tremendous drawing power, did open up the huge white theater chain to all-Negro films not produced in the Hollywood manner. Produced by Robert Savini and Berle Adams, these shorts have been distinctive and solid grossers among the whites as well as the colored theater-goers.

## FIGHTS DELINQUENCY

To top off his achievements in the world of the theater, Jordan has turned his attention towards the people and has started an all-out effort to combat juvenile delinquency. In this department he joins forces with Lionel Hampton and Count Basie who have gone all out to bring an early end to this social evil.

## Robert L. Vann Memorial Award

the gleaming trophy was presented to Jordan on behalf of The Courier for "Outstanding Theatrical Achievement." Making the presentation was Courier theatrical editor Billy Rowe. Surrounding Jordan are Rowe, band-leader George Hudson, Chicago columnist Luther Hill and Sarah Vaughan.—C. and W. Photo.

The Robert L. Vann Memorial Award will hereafter be a yearly highlight of this department. At the end of each twelve months it will be given to the performer in any of the various branches of the profession whom a qualified board of judges will select as the artist who has done the most in and out of the kleig light kingdom. Theatrical writers on other papers and actors and actresses along with certain theater-goers will be invited to act as judges.



*Sat. 7-19-47*  
**ACCEPTS VANN AWARD**—A bright new bauble for Louis Jordan was the presentation of the Robert L. Vann Memorial Award on the stage of Chicago's Regal Theatre last week. First in a series of annual awards,





**WILLKIE AWARD WINNERS**—President Harry Truman, center, who presented the Wendell L. Willkie awards for journalism at the National Press Club, Washington, Feb. 28, is pictured here with the winners and runners-up. Left to right, Ralph Matthews, chief, AFRO National Bureau, for the best objective reporting; P. B. Young Jr., Journal and Guide, for public service; Charles Browning, Chicago Defender and H. Leslie Atlass, Radio Station WBBM, for a radio program; William O. Walker, Cleveland Call-Post, for writing other than news reporting, and Louis Lautier, Washington, chief of NNPA, runner-up.

## AFRO Editor Wins Top Willkie Prize

*Afro-American*  
Baltimore, Md.  
President Truman  
Sat. 3-8-47  
Hails Minority Press

WASHINGTON — (NNPA) — President Truman last Friday night in presenting the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism praised the colored press for its "understandable concern" with interracial problems.

Speaking at the second annual dinner in the National Press Club ballroom, the President told his hearers:

"Example after example can be cited from the columns of the colored press of reporting and editorial writing which deal with these problems in the courageous

and constructive manner that we expect of the best of our journalism."

### Va. Editor Presides

Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter of the U.S. Supreme Court and Frank L. Stanley, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, also spoke.

Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, noted Richmond (Va.) editor and president of the foundation on awards which sponsored the dinner, presided. *Sat. 3-8-47*

Mr. Truman was escorted to the banquet hall by Wilbur Forrest, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and Publishers, and assistant editor of the New York Herald Tribune.

### 3 Get \$250 Awards

Three cash awards of \$250 each were presented to the winners. The runners-up received "honorable mention." The awards follow:

For objective reporting: Ralph Matthews, editor of the national

bureau of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers; honorable mention, Enoch P. Waters, Chicago Defender, and Louis Lautier, chief of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association News Service.

For public service to the community: The Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Guide, received by P. Bernard Young Jr., editor, and Albert L. Hinton, managing editor; honorable mention, the Louisville Defender, Frank L. Stanley, editor; and the Louisiana Weekly, New Orleans, C. C. Dejoie, editor, who was absent. *Sat. 3-8-47*

For best example of individual writing other than news reporting: William O. Walker, editor, Cleveland Call and Post; honorable mention, Lewis Jones, Houston (Tex.) Informer, and Robert H. Durr, editor, Birmingham Weekly Review, and NNPA News Service columnist.

### Merit Certificate

A special certificate of merit

was presented to the Chicago Defender and Radio Station WBBM of the Columbia Broadcasting System for collaboration in a weekly program, "Democracy USA," prepared by H. Leslie Atlass of CBS and Charles P. Browning of the Defender.

The parchment scroll was accepted by Mr. Atlass and Mr. Browning.

After presenting the awards and launching into his speech, President Truman explained that they were made in "recognition of journalistic endeavor of a high order."

Referring to the award given the Norfolk Journal and Guide, he said that paper "had prepared the way for a much needed improvement in colored schools of its community."

The Louisville Defender, he said, had "accepted the challenge of equal rights in citizenship and urged colored citizens to assume their responsibilities."

The Louisville Defender, he added, had "exposed an example of intolerable discrimination."

### Matthews's Haitian Series

A series of articles written by Mr. Matthews and published in the Afro-American Newspapers, on the Haitian revolution and the inauguration of Gov. William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands was the basis of his award.

The Journal and Guide won its award for an extensive campaign which disclosed deplorable conditions in colored schools in Princess Anne County, Va.

The award to Mr. Walker was based on his column in the Cleveland Call and Post in which he advocated good citizenship and interracial harmony.

### Philosophy by Jurist

Justice Frankfurter made no reference to the colored press or the "Negro problem."

He reminded his audience, however, that it was not because he had not had occasion to think and worry about the race problem in this country, recalling that before his appointment to the Supreme Court, he was counsel for the NAACP. *Sat. 3-8-47*

Justice Frankfurter said the kind of civilization cherished "is a society in which the dignity of every individual is central, regardless of the accidents of antecedents;

"A society in which there are no unimportant people; a society in which institutions are progressively to be shaped so as to bring to maximum fruition the potentialities of men."

He added that, "the answer to the defects of our society is not denial of the democratic faith. The answer is more loyal practice of that faith."

### Stanley Tells Goal

Mr. Stanley declared that discrimination involves "not only races but inner weaknesses, insecurity and fear," and that no newspaper performs its complete function "unless it consistently tells the truth unremittingly."

The colored press, he said, "has the double function of objectively reporting the news as affecting all people and more particularly its readership," and it must fight "race hate, bigotry and social fear."

He advocated that "the great American press" attack "racial tyranny and injustice" with "intelligence, vigor and vision, until every clear thinking citizen is made aware that oppression, because of accident of birth, can only produce continued turmoil and destroy all chances to full enjoyment of the American way of life."

### Mrs. Willkie Attends

About 200 leading writers, editors and publishers, representing the white and colored press, and members of the federal government's executive, legislative and judicial branches attended the dinner. *Sat. 3-8-47*

One of the guests of honor was Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie, widow of the Republican Presidential candidate in 1940, in whose memory the awards were established.

Judges of the competition were Marquis W. Childs, chairman; Roscoe Drummond, who substituted for Mark F. Ethridge; Frank L. Stanley, Wilbur Forrest, and Mrs. Eugene Meyer, who substituted for P. Bernard Young Jr.





Thurs. 3-6-47  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Truman is shown with the winners of the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism at the second annual dinner held at the National Press Club in Washington, D. C. The President presented three awards of \$250 to William O. Walker, Ralph Matthews and The Norfolk Journal and Guide newspaper. Others received honorary mention. Left to right: Robert Durr, Birmingham Weekly Review; Ralph Matthews, National Editor of The Afro-American, Washington, D. C.; Pete P. Bernard Young, Jr., Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.; Charles Browning, Chicago Defender Newspaper; President Truman; H. Leslie Atlas, Columbia Broadcasting System, of Chicago, Ill.; William O. Walker, Editor of The Cleveland Call And Post; Louis Lautier, Washington, D. C., correspondent of The Negro Newspapers Association, and Albert L. Hinton, Managing Editor of The Journal And Guide. Mr. Young and Mr. Hinton received the award for The Norfolk Journal And Guide. Dinner was held last night. —(INP) Thurs. 3-6-47

## Speaking Out From The New South

Defender  
By ROBERT DURR  
Chicago, Ill.  
Making Democracy Work

MRS. EUGENE MEYER, wife of the publisher of the great Washington Post; Dr. Douglas Freeman of the Richmond News-Leader and president of the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism; Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie, widow of the man in whose honor the foundation was established, and the other officials of the Wendell L. Willkie Journalism Foundation, including members of the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association, by their efforts, which culminated in the brilliant awards dinner at the National Press Club in Washington, have provided one of the best examples of making democracy work by making it work that I have ever known.

The National Press Club heretofore has been hard on Negroes. I recall that on one occasion, if I mistake not, Governor William Hastie of the Virgin Islands was not allowed to eat in the dining room there. Only last year Hazel Scott refused to perform at an affair sponsored by white newspaper correspondents at the National Press Club because of its discrimination against colored newsmen, regardless of merit solely on the basis of race. But the officials of the Wendell L. Willkie Journalism Foundation, typifying the true spirit of the very great Mr. Willkie, got the National Press Club for the awards dinner which Mr. Freeman termed "a glorious occasion."

### President "Breaks Bread"

AND IT WAS INDEED! There in the room with cameras firing away sat the President of the United States breaking bread with the 200-odd top journalists of both races and many top government officials, including Justice Felix Frank-

furter of the United States Supreme Court and men like Eric Johnston, movie czar and former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

At my table sat Mrs. Marquis Childs, wife of a great American syndicate columnist; Thomasina Johnson, chief of the Minority groups section of the United States Employment Service and the first colored woman to receive a \$7,775 yearly salary from the United States government; the managing editor of the Afro-American newspaper; a famous NBC commentator and his charming wife—all great Americans who make millions think as they think without these millions actually knowing why they think as they think.

Mrs. Childs, a native of Iowa, where they not only grow tall corn but very fine people, named and pointed out to me a large number of upwards of 100 great white journalists and radio commentators, Senators, Representatives and other very important guests.

Not until then, and when President Truman stood up to begin the presentations of awards, did the full significance of the occasion dawn upon me. Here the people of the United States, through their President, were expressing their appreciation for the work done by a minority protest press.

By and large I think there is ground for saying that the Negro press is not only a protest press, but it is at times a very harrassing press to those who favor continued economic and political slavery for millions of fellow Americans on the basis of race, religion or nationality. It has fought in the main a good fight and in spite of all the isms which eat away at the foundation of

the American ideology enunciated by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, it has kept faith with and in America and has caused its readers to lavish their affection upon it to the end that it may continue the good fight for freedom, justice and equality.

Dr. Freeman in his closing remarks pledged, on behalf of all of us who had there broken bread together and who had enjoyed ourselves and applauded enthusiastically as President Truman presented the awards, that we then and there would rededicate ourselves to promulgate the type of journalism symbolized by the type of writing and public service which earned for the seven award winners the presentations by the President of the United States at the National Press Club in the nation's Capital.

### Sugar Better Than Vinegar

THE OLD ADAGE, "sugar will catch more flies than vinegar," is one that all should remember in this business of promulgating better citizenship and the achievement of racial harmony and appreciation.

It would not be a bad idea if on Feb. 1 of each year the governor of each state presented at a representative state-wide meeting sponsored by an organization similar to the Wendell L. Willkie Journalism Awards Foundation awards to a half dozen or so whites and colored persons who had during the previous year done outstanding work in the field of bettering human relations. Maybe Christian churches of all races could form an awards foundation and become the chief sponsors of these suggested state projects.

I am sure Wendell L. Willkie looking down from the battlements of heaven would smile upon such an effort. While on the subject I motion that an Appreciation Awards Foundation be established for this purpose. We talk a great deal about tolerance. It is

well that we do, but there are lots of people who would make a much greater contribution to all America is safe for democracy and that insofar that makes for a richer and fuller life for all theas we are crystallizers of public opinions, we in- people if only proper appreciation was expressed tend to do our bit to the end that democracy shall not perish from the earth.



# Prepare For Willkie Awards Atlanta, Ga.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — Marquis W. Childs, chairman of the committee which will make final selections for the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism, warned last Wednesday that material to be considered must be in the hands of regional committees not later than January 15.

After the material has been submitted, the regional committees will make their nominations and forward the material to the final judging committee not later than February 1. The final judging committee will meet here February 10 to make its selections.

It also was announced that the award dinner will be held at the National Press Club on the evening of February 28.

## ARNALL DECLINES

Governor Ellis Arnall, who was selected as a member of the corporation, declined membership, it also was announced. Because of the heavy demands made upon him to serve upon various boards and committees, it was stated, Governor Arnall made a rule some time ago that he would not go on any boards.

Mr. Childs was made chairman of the final judging committee after Mark F. Etheridge of the Louisville, Kentucky, Courier Journal, was selected to go to Greece on a government mission. Mr. Etheridge's place on Regional Committee 1 was taken by James Pope of this paper.

Anthony Weitzel of the Detroit News was substituted on Regional Committee 10 for Basil L. Walters of the Detroit Free Press, who is no longer in Detroit.

Three \$250 cash awards will be made to members of the colored press for objective reporting, for public service and for the best example of writing in columns, features, or editorials.

## TRUMAN HONORS NEGRO NEWSMEN

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
WASHINGTON, (UP) — Newsmen met with President Truman at the National Press Club last night to honor the men who did the most for Negro journalism in 1946.

Outstanding Negro newsmen and newspapers received the Wendell L. Willkie awards, pioneered by

Agnes M. Meyer, wife of Eugene Meyer, owner of the Washington Post.

The awards were conferred by Mr. Truman personally, to:

The Norfolk, Va., Journal and Guide, edited by P. Bernard Young Jr., for the best example of public service by a Negro newspaper.

Ralph Matthews of the Washington bureau of the Afro-American newspapers, for the best example of objective newspaper reporting. The award was based on his stories on the Haitian revolution and the new administration of the Virgin Islands.

William O. Walker, editor and columnist of the Cleveland, O., Call and Post for the best example of writing other than news reporting. His pieces dealt with inter-racial harmony.

The Chicago Defender and Radio Station WBBM, Chicago, received special merit certificates for a series of weekly programs titled "Democracy, U.S.A."

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## Virginia Points With Pride

HEARTY congratulations are due the Norfolk Journal and Guide, the excellent Negro weekly published by P. B. YOUNG, and edited by P. B. YOUNG, JR. For the second successive year, the Journal and Guide has won top honors in the WENDELL L. WILLKIE Award competition for Negro newspapers.

This time the paper was judged to have rendered the highest public service of any colored newspaper in the United States. The award was based chiefly on a series of illustrated articles by two members of its staff, ALBERT L. HINTON and ANDREW BOWLER, on the deplorable condition of the Negro school buildings in Princess Anne County. Last year the paper's editor, P. B. YOUNG, JR., shared a first prize for excellence in journalism with a member of the Pittsburgh Courier's staff.

The WILLKIE Awards were established only two years ago as a memorial to WENDELL WILLKIE, with a view to promoting better interracial amity and higher standards in the Negro press. The Norfolk Journal and Guide is the only paper which has produced a winner both years.

There is nothing surprising in this to those who know the Journal and Guide. It has long been a sane and constructive influence in race relations, as well as a paper with integrity and a fine journalistic sense. Inflammatory appeals to prejudice are not to be found in its columns. It is well written, well edited, and well put together. Virginia takes pride in its achievements and congratulates its publisher, editor and staff on their latest triumph in competition with the best the

nation has to offer.

## AT HEARING ON PROPOSAL FOR NEW CABINET POST



Mrs. Wendell Willkie (left) and Mrs. Eugene Meyer (right).  
The New York Times (Washington Bureau)

## TRUMAN PRESENTS WILLKIE AWARDS

President, in Making Citations  
for Journalism, Says Press  
Accepts 'One World' Thesis

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—President Truman, presenting the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism tonight, told his hearers that the American press had accepted Mr. Willkie's definition of "One World," and was doing a valiant service in educating the people of this country to the necessity of living in that single sphere.

Before 200 writers, editors and publishers of the white and Negro press, and representatives of the three branches of government, the President praised the Negro newspapers for the "courageous and constructive" way in which they had dealt with race relationships. The occasion was the second annual Willkie Awards Dinner, held in the Auditorium of the National

Press Club. With democracy under close scrutiny, our successes and failures are echoed throughout the world, said Mr. Truman. Accordingly we cannot afford failures.

## Cause of Democracy Cited

"When we fail to live together in peace, the failure touches not us as Americans alone, but the cause of democracy itself," the President said.

Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter of the Supreme Court and Frank L. Stanley, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, also spoke at the dinner. Many prominent persons were present, including Mrs. Willkie and her son, Philip.

Escorted to the banquet hall by Wilbur Forrest, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, President Truman presented the awards to the successful recipients. Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, editor of The Richmond (Virginia) News Leader, presided.

The awards were: For public service to the community: P. Bernard Young Jr., editor of The Norfolk (Virginia) Journal and Guide; honorable mention, Frank L. Stanley, editor

Louisville (Kentucky) Defender, and C. E. Dejoie, Louisiana Weekly (New Orleans), who was not present.

For objective reporting: Ralph Matthews, editor of the National Bureau of The Afro-American (Washington); honorable mention, Enoch P. Waters, Chicago Defender, and Louis R. Lautier, chief of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association News Service (Washington).

For best example of individual writing, other than news reporting: William O. Walker, editor Cleveland (Ohio) Call-Post; honorable mention, Lewis Jones, Houston (Tex.) Informer, and Robert Durr, Birmingham (Ala.) Weekly Review.

## Special Award Made

A special certificate of merit went to The Chicago Defender and Radio Station WBBM of the Columbia Broadcasting Service for collaboration in a weekly program, "Democracy USA," prepared by H. Leslie Atlas of CBS and Charles P. Browning of The Chicago Defender.

"These awards are in recognition of journalistic endeavor of a high order," said President Truman. "The idea of a free press is fundamental to the freedoms that we cherish as Americans. While there are limitations on all our freedoms, including the freedom of the press, we can say without fear of challenge that we have a press that is freer than any other in the world today."

"Our press in general has outgrown the provincialism, the narrow isolationism, of another era. It has accepted as its province Wendell Willkie's 'one world.' It is doing a valiant service in educating us to understand that we must live within that 'one world.'"

As they did during the war, reporters go to distant and perilous parts of the earth to bring us the news. The news-gathering apparatus of our press is far flung and highly efficient.

"The more than sixty Negro newspapers in our country form an important part of that press. These newspapers show an understandable concern with the problems of relationship between the races. From the columns of the Negro press example after example can be cited of reporting and editorial writing which deal with these problems in the courageous and constructive manner that we expect of the best of our journalism."

"So far as we know, it is left to the newspapers and individuals to place before the committee the good work they think they have done. Thus, a newspaper which thought it had rendered a commendable service would write to the committee and submit proof. So would a writer. Or, barring that, an individual on one

WATCHING THE BIG PARADE  
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My cherished friend and contemporary, Percival L. Pratts, has



of the papers would be expected to submit material produced by other members of the staff. All three procedures are bad."

#### Committee Wrong

"If the public service of a newspaper is not such as to be recognized without the newspaper itself having to call it to the attention of a prize committee, there is something wrong with the committee or the service.

"The same thing is true of an individual writer. Many good writers on newspapers would hesitate to submit examples of their work, unless they were in an open formal contest, for fear of being considered vain.

"A modest person would prefer that the quality of his work would so impress others that he would not be forced to promote it himself."

To correct all this, Prattis suggests that the journalism students of say Lincoln University (Mo.) call the papers and determine who gets what.

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that the present method is as bad as Prattis believes, his cure seems even worse.

#### Idea No Good

Surely Prattis, after a quarter of a century in newspaper work, has had sufficient experience with students of journalism both before and after they have left their Alma Mater to appreciate the folly of his own idea. SAT. 4-26-47

Never in my life have I met a student of journalism who believes anybody who earns his bread getting out a paper has the sense he was born with.

Most of them come out of school, but with one idea, and that is to completely tear our papers apart and make them over from stem to stern, and teach us old fossils how it should be done.

#### Could Be Done

Now, I would be the last one to intimate that this should not be done and even we on the staffs are constantly going off on beautiful tangents, which sound intriguing in theory but after trying first one new fangled idea after another only to see the trucks coming back with more papers than they carry out, we generally settle down to tried and true formulas to tide us over until we muster nerve enough to try on our fancy pants again.

This is not an argument against innovation, initiative and imagination, all of which are the life blood of the journalistic trade.

But it is an argument against entrusting an important job to novices who have had no opportunity to develop a sense of values so essential in considering all the equations of modern newspaper production. SAT. 4-26-47

Judges Have Prestige

The present judges of the Willkie Contest are men of prestige, versed in the mechanics as well as the theory of newspaper work, editors and builders of their own papers.

In spite of the affront to our modesty, I believe they are more capable of arriving at equitable and fair decisions than inexperienced students even if they all dangled Kappa keys on their watch chains.

## WILLKIE NEWSPAPER AWARDS

The second annual Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism, made in Washington Friday night, while admittedly more palatable to the working press than those for 1945, still left a few tongues wagging.

*Afro-American*

The presentations which were made by President Truman went to seven newspapers, a newsgathering agency and a radio station and were for excellence in objective reporting, columning and public service. Baltimore, Md.

We are naturally pleased that a representative of this newspaper was chosen for having done what the judges believe to be the best piece of objective reporting in 1946 and we have no quarrel with the other awards. As the competition increases year after year, we believe that it will become increasingly difficult to select the winners. That is one of the major purposes of the competition. SAT. 3-8-47

And as we approach more closely the standard of excellence, there will obviously come greater recognition and understanding of the role of colored newspapers in American life and the cause of interracial harmony will be that much further advanced. That is another objective of the awards.

Sponsors of the awards certainly are to be commended for their generosity and sincerity. This year there were more entries than before, but there still are not as many as there should be considering the volume of material that appears in colored newspapers in the course of a year.

Efforts to determine a cause for this apparent apathy reveal that in some quarters, at least, there is some feeling that because white Southerners have a prominent part in the awards there is a probability that fairness will not always be exercised, particularly where the more militant press is concerned.

The fact that Percy Greene of the Jackson (Miss.) Advocate and C. A. Scott of the Atlanta Daily World, were not given a mention for their activities in the Bilbo hearings and the Georgia primary, respectively, have been mentioned as indicative of such a trend. SAT. 3-8-47

Whether there is basis for such a charge is pure conjecture, but it occurs to us that it might not be a bad idea if the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association set up its own journalism awards. There is no reason why there should not be an additional competition. Any criticism growing out of such a competition would necessarily be self-criticism. We believe that it is high time that we begin to do for ourselves a great number of things which in the past have been done for us by others.

Until we are ready to pay the piper, it is hardly proper that we attempt to call the tune.

## Text of President's Address

*Afro-American*

WASHINGTON — (NNPA) — The text of President Truman's address in making the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism at the National Press Club, last Fri-

day night, follows:

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the press, we can say without fear of challenge that we have a press that is freer than any other in the world today. Baltimore, Md.

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#### Press Courageous, Constructive

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One of the newspapers given an award tonight prepared the way for a much needed improvement in the schools of its community.

Still another accepted the challenge of equal rights in citizenship and urged all citizens to assume their responsibilities. A third exposed an example of intolerable discrimination. SAT. 3-8-47

The entries considered by the awards committee covered a wide range, including reporting both at home and overseas. They maintained, I am told by the committee, a high standard.

#### Must Set World Example

We are living in a time of profound and swiftly moving change. We see colonial peoples moving toward their independence. It is a process that we, as Americans, can understand and sympathize with, since it parallels our own struggle for independence. We, as Americans, will want to supply guidance and help wherever we can.

One way in which we can help is to set an example of a nation in which people of different backgrounds and different origins work peacefully and successfully alongside one another. That is one meaning of this meeting here tonight and I congratulate those of you who are responsible for our coming together on this occasion.

#### Democracy Under Observation

More and more we are learning, and in no small measure through the medium of the press, how closely our democracy is under observation. We are learning what loud echoes both our successes and our failures have in every corner of the world. That is one of the pressing reasons why we cannot afford failures.

When we fail to live together in peace, the failure touches not us, as Americans, alone, but the cause of democracy itself. That we must never forget. SAT. 3-8-47

Oversight  
THE WILLKIE PRESS AWARD DINNER was a strictly interracial affair. The preliminary cocktails flowed rather freely and by the time the guests went in to be seated it was a pretty merry crowd. Chicago, Ill. SAT. 3-22-47  
Mrs. Agnes Myer who did a magnificent job as hostess was rather anxious that none of the ten-place tables, be all-colored or all-white. She shifted a few of the merry guests around and after a while everybody was seated.  
She will probably be surprised to know that Table 6 was all colored. It didn't show however, because at least three of the colored diners there were "whiter" in appearance than a lot of Nordics we know.